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THE BARNARD TRIAL.

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Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

BARATOGA, Aug. 17.—The Court of Impeachment resumed its secret session this morning at 10 o'clock, and continued till 3 P. M., when it then adjourned till Monday at 10 A. M. There was a lively discussion and much variance of opinion on some of the articles, but, as a rule, the votes taken are said to have been unanimously in the affirmative on the question of proven or not proven, and the tone of the speeches made, points strongly to the probability of disqualification. As the Court had not proceeded further than the thirteenth article at the hour of adjournment it is not likely that the whole case can be passed upon before a late hour on Monday. The vote will be taken on the case in general there can be no doubt, though it is possible that two of the charges will be found to be not sufficiently proven. It is proposed when the doors are thrown open to announce the decision, and then take a vote on the nature of the sentence—first, upon simple removal, and second, upon disqualification. Earnest efforts are working hard in his interest, but there seems to be no reason to doubt that the Court has sufficient integrity to withstand all assaults upon its virtue, and sufficient courage to perform whatever duty the circumstances may call for, not yielding unwisely to lessen one iota of the Oath which is due to justice.

THE PACIFIC COAST.

Settlement of the Central Pacific Railroad Difficulty—Mutiny on a Boston Ship.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Aug. 17.—A subcommittee of the Committee of Six Hundred has agreed with Gov. Stanford on a basis of compromise with the Central Railroad Company on the terminus question. The Goat Island project is to be abandoned, and the Central Company will construct a bridge at Ravenswood across the bay, and a road thence along the water front to Mission Bay, where the final terminus of the Central, Southern and San Joaquin Valley roads will be fixed. A track is also to be laid from the terminus into the city to Works Beach, freight to be delivered along it without extra charge. The city, on its part, is to modify the surveys of Mission Bay, and give a subsidy of $2,000,000 in six per cent. bonds.

The ship Mary Bell sailed from Puget Sound, leaving behind the first mate, shot through the lungs, the second mate who shot him, and who in turn had been shot through the head, and two of the crew who were witnesses of the mutiny.

The Susanville stage was robbed near Reno, Nevada, after a brisk fight between passengers and highwaymen. Nobody was killed.

Hatsu Tusuin and Mrs. Tsuwin, cyprians, committed suicide in the same house in Virginia City yesterday, by taking laudanum.

The steamer Colorado, which sailed for Japan and China today, carried $1,218,203 treasure. The Panama steamer had only $17,000 in specie on board.

Jenin, who was sent out by the first diamond company, having returned without reaching the alleged diamond-fields, has declined to give the Press any information. Diamond stock is not in demand; nevertheless, an expedition consisting of ten men has been fitted out by a new company, and left today. Several new companies are forming.

A TERRIBLE AFFAIR.

The Crew of a Mississippi Steamer Shot Dead and Thrown into the Water.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 17.—Early this morning a fisherman discovered the little steamer Helen Brooks floating down stream near Head Chicota Chute, some ten miles above here, and apparently abandoned. He rowed out to the steamer, made a line fast, and pulled her toward the bank, but before reaching it saw a negro, a shot-gun on his knee, in a sitting position, asleep on the lower deck, who, as soon as the boat struck the bank, started up, leaped ashore, and ran into the woods. The fisherman then boarded the steamer, and found traces of a desperate struggle having taken place, and the decks washed with blood. Upon his return to this city and reported what he had found, and the circumstance that the Grand Tower, from St. Louis, arrived here, bringing a message from the Magistrate at Bradley's Landing, eighteen miles above here, stating that the crew of the Helen Brooks and the proprietors and families of a trading boat which the Helen had towed up there, had been murdered and the boat plundered, a party of men was at once dispatched on the steamer John Overton. The report is that Capt. William Pott and his brother, the proprietors of the trading boat, together with their wives and two daughters, were all murdered, and their bodies thrown into the river.

MASSACHUSETTS.

Effect of the Rains Throughout the State—Death of a Prominent Citizen.

LOWELL, Mass., Aug. 17.—Very severe showers, with a south-west wind, prevail this morning. The amount of rain which has fallen this week up to 10 o'clock A. M. today, is four and a quarter inches. Reports from the country are to the effect that the brooks and streams are all overflowed, and the low lands inundated. The cofferdam for the water-works at Hunter's Falls, on the Merrimack, was carried away last night, and the work will have to be abandoned for the present, and probably for the season.

Hon. J. W. P. Abbott, of Westford, died suddenly last night, from rheumatism, which affected his head. He had suffered from the disease for a year past. The deceased was aged sixty-six. He leaves a widow and three sons.

BOSTON, Aug. 17.—Nine of the boys who escaped from the Reform School, at Westboro', on Thursday, were captured the same night, and several others yesterday. A. S. Harrington, proprietor of the Castle Fair Hotel, at Brighton, died at that hotel on Thursday, of consumption, after an illness of nearly a year.

It is stated that at a meeting of Liberal Republicans and Democrats in Boston, today, it was resolved to ask Charles Francis Adams to become their candidate for Governor of Massachusetts. A telegram on the subject is said to have been dispatched to Geneva.

LYNN, Mass., Aug. 17.—The *Reporter* this morning says the Crispin strike is virtually ended. Nearly all the manufactories that stopped have started again, but some of them with a diminished force. The manufacturers find little difficulty in procuring all the help they require. The question of peace has been settled between the employers and employed, who have resumed work in an amicable manner. The only point insisted upon by the manufacturers has been that their workmen should declare themselves independent of any organization and free to carry out their own contracts without dictation or intimidation.

Speech by Andrew Johnson at Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Aug. 17.—Andrew Johnson made his promised speech today at the Exposition Building, in this city, to about 3,000 people. It did not vary much from his Knoxville speech, though more elaborate. He referred to the general preference for military men for office, and warned the people against it as of evil tendency; and, while speaking of amnesty, and amnesty for himself, it is inferred from this that he declares the nomination for Congress for the State at large.

CUBAN NEWS.

Return of Tamlich to Spain—Progress of the Army in Putting Down the Rebellion.

HAVANA, Aug. 16, via KEY WEST, Aug. 17.—Rey Zabala sailed for Spain yesterday, notwithstanding reports to official circles that he would not go.

La Constancia, publishes interesting particulars of movements of the insurgents in the Central Department. On the night of the 29th ult., they made a raid on the Nuevitas and Puerto Principe Railroad, and burned a bridge. It was repaired by the Spaniards the next day, and communication restored.

The Spanish records of operations in the Departments, for the past two weeks, states that 114 rebels and five Spaniards have been killed during that time.

In an editorial article upon the situation the *Diario* says: "We are now at the middle of August, and the indications are that a Winter campaign against the insurgents will be necessary. We are convinced that this campaign of 1872-73 will be as it should be, the last we will have to sustain."

The *Diario* says, that if necessary, sufficient troops will be at the disposal of the Commander-in-Chief to hedge in the insurgents with a circle of bayonets.

Gen. Ecn will shortly return to Havana.

WASHINGTON NEWS.

New Custom-House Regulations—Naval Changes—Currency Statements.

WASHINGTON, Aug. 17.—There has been prepared, under the direction of Mr. Elliot, acting Chief of the Bureau of Statistics, supplements Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to part 9 of the Revised Customs Regulations of the United States, forming a twenty-four page pamphlet, copies of which have been distributed to the Collectors of Customs for their guidance in making returns on the subject of foreign commerce, shipping, &c., to the Bureau above named. Supplement 1 contains a full list of commodities, alphabetically classified, to be used in all statements of foreign merchandise (except that relating to home consumption and imports,) the nalls in which the quantity of each article is to be expressed being indicated, opposite to its place in the list in another vertical column. Supplement 2 contains a revised list of foreign countries indicating the order to be observed in making out all statements of commerce by countries. Supplement 3 gives a similar list to be used in making out the statements of entries and clearances of vessels engaged in the trade with the United States. The arrangement of countries, although in the main alphabetical, is such that they may be readily grouped by geographical situation or political division, as it may be desired to arrange the statistics of their trade. In a second column opposite each country named is given a list of the islands, subdivisions, ports, &c., which it comprises. These well-digested lists will greatly assist in securing that uniformity of method in making out the returns, which is so difficult of attainment and is so indispensable to facilitate the collation and to the accuracy of the general results.

NAVAL ORDERS.

Commander Carpenter is ordered to equipment duty in the Portsmouth Navy Yard; Commander Luce to equipment duty in the Boston Navy Yard; Lieut.-Commander Hoff and Lieut. Amory to the North Pacific Station; Paymaster Stephenson to the Lackawanna, Asiatic Station; Rear Admiral Pennock to assume command of the north Pacific station; Capt. Fairfax, from the Portsmouth Navy-yard, and placed on waiting orders; Capt. English, from special duty, and ordered to duty as executive officer in the Portsmouth Navy-yard; Capt. Spicer, from equipment duty in the Boston Navy-yard, and placed on waiting orders. Commander De Krafft, from equipment duty in the Portsmouth Navy-yard, and ordered to duty on the staff of the North Pacific station; Lieut. Maynard, from torpedo duty, and ordered to the North Pacific station. Capt. George H. A. Dimpfel, Military Storekeeper in the Quartermaster's Department, has been retired from the service with one year's pay and allowance.

CURRENCY STATEMENT.

The receipts of fractional currency for the week ending today, amount to:..... $208,800 00
Shipments of currency..... 605,300 00
Shipments of notes..... 628,500 00
The Treasurer holds as security for Note Redemption..... 281,974,200 00
And for deposits of public money..... 15,797,000 00
National Bank Notes outstanding..... $325,181,297 00
Internal Revenue receipts today..... $16,091 48
Receipts for the month..... $1,604,428 78
National Gold Bank Notes outstanding..... 1,322,000 00

TREASURY BALANCES.

The balances in the Treasury at the close of business today were as follows:

Coin $71,504,221 09, including coin certificates, $30,190,300; currency balance, $7,208,503 96.

PERSONAL.

The President and Cabinet have formally declined the invitation to visit Chattanooga.

Bathing Disasters at Long Branch.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Aug. 17.—Four servant girls, employed at the West End Hotel, were in bathing this evening, near the West End Hotel, and the undertow being very strong, were washed out to sea. Their screams attracted the attention of gentlemen on the beach, who went to their rescue. Two were easily saved, the third was rescued by Mr. Henry Woodruff, of New-York, a guest of the West End Hotel, at the risk of his life. The fourth was washed out to sea, and the body has not yet been found.

Mary Culley, of Brooklyn, a servant in the family of Ex-City Chamberlain J. J. Bradley, while in bathing, was carried away by the undertow, which was running very strong. A gentleman went to her rescue, but when she was brought ashore very little life was in the body. A doctor was called, but too late. She died on the beach. Great excitement prevailed at the West End Hotel.

Caleb F. Hendrickson, proprietor of Cooper's Cottage, died this forenoon. The flags on all the hotels are at half-mast, in respect to his memory.

Mr. Samuel Laird, proprietor of the Mansion and United States Hotel, is lying dangerously ill at his cottage.

Gen. Grant's Modesty and Generosity.

From the Worcester (Mass.) Gazette, Aug. 16.

Mr. Hoar told an anecdote of Grant in his speech the other night, which does not appear in the published report printed from his manuscript. He remarked in introducing it that he felt some hesitation, for obvious reasons, in repeating the story, but there would perhaps be no impropriety in relating to his friends and neighbors what had appeared to him a remarkable illustration of the modesty and generosity of Grant's character. Mr. Hoar related the story substantially as follows:

"I had the honor a short time since of dining at the house of a friend, then and now a member of the Cabinet, in company with the President. There were about twenty guests, but they constituted perhaps the most distinguished assemblage it ever has been or ever will be my fortune to see. Several members of the Cabinet, several of the most distinguished members of the Senate, the Chief-Justice of the United States, Generals Sherman and Sheridan, some officers of high rank in the navy, two or three eminent men of science, and perhaps the most famous poet of the country, Mr. James Russell Lowell, were of the company. Commodore Alden, remarked, half in jest, to a gentleman who sat not near him that there was nothing I disliked so much as being a subordinate who always obeyed orders. 'What is that you are saying, Commodore?' said President Grant, across the table. The Commodore repeated what he had said. 'There is a good deal of truth in what you say,' said Gen. Grant. 'One of the virtues of Gen. Sheridan was that he knew when to not without orders. Just before the surrender of Lee, Gen. Sheridan captured some dispatches from which he learned that Lee had ordered his supplies to a certain place. It was on the other side of the river, where he could not get communication from me till the next morning. Gen. Sheridan pushed on at once without orders, got to the place fifteen minutes before the rebels, and captured the supplies. After the surrender was concluded, the first thing Gen. Lee asked me for was rations for his men. I leaned to them the same provisions which Sheridan had captured. Now if Sheridan, as men mean would have done, had waited for orders from me, Lee would have got off.' I listened with wonder to the generous modesty which, before that brilliant company, could remove one of the proudest laurels from his own brow to place it on the brow of Sheridan."

NORTH CAROLINA.

Desperate Attempt of the Democrats to Contest a Lawful Election—Fears that it may Lead to Bloodshed.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

RALEIGH, N. C., Aug. 17.—The demonstration of the Democrats, last night, in this city, was a failure. About 150 men and boys were in the procession. On the evening of the 12th the Republicans of Cumberland County met in Fayetteville, to celebrate our State victory. A number of Republicans were detailed to attend and replenish the bon-fires. As the detail was going round they were fired into six times. This infuriated the Republicans, and they attempted to catch the ruffians who fired the shots. Great excitement followed, and but for the timely arrival of Major John Reilly, Republican Auditor elect, who speedily quelled the row and restored order, bloodshed would have followed. Next day the parties, whose names I have been unable to learn, were bound over at the Cumberland Superior Court. The statement heretofore telegraphed from this place, that a negro by the name of Clifton was murdered at the polls in Franklin County because he voted for Merriman, is false. Clifton was killed by Tom. Spivey, another negro, and it was not at the polls, nor on election day. The quarrel was a private one, and had nothing to do with politics. The *Eve*, central organ of the Republican Party, exposes today a plan of the Democrats and Liberals to get up evidence of frauds to lay before the Legislature, if Merriman contests. The Republicans know that gross frauds were committed by the Democrats, and none by Republicans; consequently the friends of Gov. Caldwell are indignant at the threat to contest. The *Eve*, in exposing the nefarious scheme, whose main authors are Wood and Blumenberg, uses the following significant language:

"Horsetoes might has made right, so far as Democratic legislators are concerned. While there is fair ground for contest, referred to the General Assembly, we do not believe there are enough of such men to defeat Merriman in a contest. If the election is contested and Merriman should be seated, it would well look as if the party, and a party completely run by Judge Merriman's therefore, if Greeley is elected, the Chair will be contested, and as a matter of course, the whole Democratic State ticket will be declared elected by Democratic votes in the Legislature. Whether the people will silently submit to such an outrage against the ballot, or whether they will take their affairs into their own hands, is a mooted question. Gov. Caldwell is richtest and legally-elected Governor of North Carolina, against a partisan majority of the Legislature, is a question for the people to decide between now and the third Monday of November next. The disposition to contest is conclusive evidence that the opponents of the Republican Party are determined to rule or ruin."

A fair vote, an honest count, are to be set aside, because the Democrats have the power to declare whom the plurals elected. This party attempted to inaugurate a revolution last Summer upon the Convention question. They were defeated in that attempt against the liberties of the people, and now—only one year after the defeat of the revolutionary convention scheme, this same party proposed a bloody revolution among our people by nullifying the action of a majority of the legal voters of North Carolina. Strife and bloodshed have followed in the wake of the Democratic Party from 1861 to the present time. It looks as if there would be more bloodshed before the country settles down in peace and enjoys that profound repose so necessary to every industrial interest of the nation. We desire to fill up the "bloody chasm," so that future generations will not behold any evidences of the struggle between the South and the other States composing the American Union. We re-echo: "Let us have peace." And we call upon the people of the State to rebuke Messrs. Barringer and Mason in their attempt to nullify the will and votes of the people as expressed at the ballot-box.

THE LOUISVILLE FORGERIES.

Further Particulars Concerning Their Character and Amount—A Half Million Involved—The Losses of the Banks.

From the Louisville Courier-Journal, Aug. 16.

The developments of yesterday have increased the known amount of Robert Atwood's peculations to about half a million dollars, the sum that was the highest estimate in the first reports, but then accorded as a wild exaggeration. The loss of money is not the darkest feature of this astonishing case. It is now said that not only did Mr. Atwood forge indorsements on his paper, dispose of stocks left in trust and appropriate the money, use recklessly and criminally the names of the firms in which he was a partner, betray his official trust, and obtain money from the banks upon the pretext of having that he also "raised" paper, which he wished to negotiate, from a small amount to a sum more commensurate with his demands. Many of the losers are, for some reason, loth to state the amount of their losses, but the following approximate the guilty: Citizens' Bank, $200,000; Northern Bank, $40,000; Western Financial Corporation, $5,000; Louisville Insurance and Banking Company, $17,000; First National, $14,000; Planters' National, $18,000; People's, $10,000; Bank of Louisville, $46,000; German Security, $15,000; Falls City Tobacco Bank, $16,000; City National, $5,000; German Bank, $5,000; Commercial Company, $50,000 (probably considerably exaggerated;) Bank of Kentucky, $10,000; Bank of America, $5,000; Kentucky National, $2,500; Central Savings Bank, $7,000; Farmers' and Drovers' Bank, $15,000; Manufacturers' Bank, $30,000, (probably much exaggerated;) Shelbyville Bank, $5,000; total, $500,000. Some of the banks from that list have the Kentucky National Bank suffers more lightly than the rest.

To these may be added a number of individuals who lose about as follows: A. C. Brannin, $6,000; John Long, $11,000; B. M. Mesick, $11,000; Dr. Lewis Rogers, $20,000, and the Union Insurance Company, $30,000; total, $68,000—making a grand total of $568,000. Besides those there are a multitude of others whose losses not known; among them G. W. Norton & Co., A. D. Hunt & Co., Charles M. Thruston, Miss Thruston, &c. None of the insurance companies, however, of which Atwood & Nicholas were agents in this city, will suffer by Mr. Atwood's financial embarrassments. On the 1st of August a full statement was made with the companies and accounts all squared. The firm of Schoeffel & Co. is seriously involved. All persons involved in the affair will be as kindly and leniently treated as possible, and every opportunity given to work out of the difficulties into which they have been so evidently and unmeaningly thrust by their misplaced confidence.

It is said that among Atwood's transactions it has come to light that a number of Gas Company bonds left with him by his father-in-law, Dr. Lewis Rogers, some time ago, when the latter went abroad, were sold by Atwood and the money appropriated to his own use, and that in order to keep Dr. Rogers from discovering his breach of trust he has been regularly paying the dividends on the bonds ever since.

It is also stated that a large number of bonds of the Union Insurance Company, of which he was Secretary, were sent in to be exchanged for new ones. The new bonds were issued and the old ones were laid aside to await Atwood's arrival, he being the one authorized to cancel them. But instead of doing so he hypothecated them for a loan of $50,000, which was swallowed up in his operations.

The draft received from New-York, announcing the deposit of $40,000 to his credit, in a bank in that City, and against which he drew drafts to twice or thrice that amount, turns out to have been genuine. The drafts, however, reached the New-York bank before the money was actually tendered that institution to meet them, and being so much in excess of the amount, the bank refused the deposit. What became of the funds we are unable to say.

During the four or five days preceding the exposure, Atwood procured from the banks in this city, on sight drafts, about $120,000. He paid no maturities; he made no important investments so far as is known; yet no money of any consequence was found on his person when arrested. The question is pertinently asked: What did he do with the funds? Where are they at this time? His fraudulent transactions are said to be mainly comprised within the last four months. Atwood was a deacon in Rev. Gilbert H. Robertson's Church.

The Atwood Failure.

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Aug. 17.—Robert Atwood is preparing for publication a full statement of his financial operations, and how he came to be involved in them.

SARATOGA.

First Day of the Second Race Meeting.

Joe Daniels the Winner of the Kenner Stake, Defeater of the Famous Kentucky, and Silk Stocking, of the Kentucky Stake.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

SARATOGA, Aug. 17.—With the displacement of a comma, it may well be said, "there's a divinity that shapes our ends rough," and all the people who are present and an abiding place in the paravanseries of Saratoga are just of that opinion. The rain poured steadily all day yesterday and throughout the night, and this morning dawned with premonitory signs of a fresh deluge. The same uncomfortably close, muggy atmosphere prevailed until 8 o'clock, when a ray of sunshine suddenly penetrated the banks of threatening clouds, and finally has succeeded in dispersing them to other localities where they may receive a more generous welcome than they did here. Yesterday everybody made themselves as miserable as possible, and grumbled and growled with astonishing pertinacity. Everybody wanted to borrow everybody else's umbrella, and that was a source of annoyance.

But what a change has come over us today! Saratoga yesterday and Saratoga today are two different places. Broadway is ankle deep in mud, and the roads leading to the race-course are in admirable condition for swimming matches; but what of that? The dust is laid, and the ill wind that brought up the storm has been conducive of some good, if only to fill the already plethoric purses of the hotel-keepers. As to the weather, it is admirable for the purpose, airable weather of yesterday, the sun beamed from a blue-mantled sky. At 11 o'clock the tide set in toward the track, and the road presented a most animated appearance. The display of elegant equipages was very fine, and as there was not a bad or dull the dresses of the ladies, their belles were numerous, and added attractiveness to the general scene. At the course a large crowd had assembled, and the grand stand was filled with a promiscuous throng, representing all conditions of society. On the quarter-stretch were assembled lead-ing politicians and many prominent men in the world of literature, art and the sciences. As it was to be expected from the inundating rains, the track was washed in many places so that men were employed to fill up the seams with fresh sand. This being in a measure accomplished, the track was deemed ready for the horses, but the mud that had made through was a nuisance to all concerned, and noted the improvement has been made in removing the judges' stand fifteen feet back of its former position, the presiding Judge sitting five feet below the others, in order to better to decide a race with a close finish.

THE RACING.

The sport for the day consisted of three races, two of which were closely contested, and gave general satisfaction to the people in the losers. The first race was the Kenner Stake for three-year olds, two miles, value $4,300, which the McDaniels confederacy gathered in, as was expected, although Meteor gave him a hard push for the prize. Great things were expected from Cape Race and Leviton, but they made a poor show in consequence of the heavy track. It was the slowest race run for the Kenner, being in 3:46. Joe Daniels, when he first appeared, was not particularly liked by the connoisseurs, and Mr. Bassett thought he was rather high in flesh, but he galloped his competitors to death, and won the race in fine style. The second race was the Summer Handicap, valued at $1,500, and was won by Defender easily, and John Morrissey rejoiceth thereat. The third race was the Kentucky Stake for two-year olds, dash of a mile, and was valued at $3,300, a nice little sum, and the race was run from end to end, with six each of high-bred ponies, and Mr. Belmont's star was once more in the ascendant, as he won it with Silk Stocking, a magnificent son of Kentucky and imp. Fluke.

The details of the races will be found below:

THE KENNER STAKES.

"Expectation sat in the air" when the inaugural race of the day and meeting was called, viz.: The Kenner Stake for three-year olds, $100 entrance, $50 forfeit, with $1,500 added by the Association; two miles. This stake was named after the well-known patron of racing in the South, Hon. Duncan F. Kenner, and was inaugurated in 1870, when it was won by A. Buford's b. c. Enquirer, a son of Lexington. There were then twenty-five subscribers and four starters, and Enquirer won the race in 3:48¾, rather slow time, but it we remember rightly, the track was very heavy. Last year the stake was won by the peerless Harry Bassett. There were forty-seven subscribers and seven starters, and the great son of Lexington added another laurel to his fame, the race in 3:38¾, the best two miles ever run by a three-year old, carrying 110 pounds, and he was forced to make this time by the excellent running of Nellie Ransom. This year there were fifty-seven nominations for the stake, but three of them were void by the death of James R. Walden, one of the subscribers. The following six were marked on the card as starters, viz: D. McDaniel's ch. c. Joe Daniels, by imp. Australian, out of Dolly Carter, by imp. Glencoe; William Jennings' br. c. Cape Race, by Lexington, out of imp. Zone, by The Cure; M. A. Lilleli's gr. c. London, by Lightning, out of Zingara, by Star Davis; D. R. Harmer's ch. c. Meteor, by Asteroid, out of Maria Innis, by imp. Yorkshire; C. C. & R. H. Parks' br. f. Experience Oaks, by imp. Bonnie Scotland, out of Sallie, by Lexington, and J. W. Pennack's br. c. (brother to Jas. A. Connolly,) by Vandal, out of Margravine, by imp. Magrate. On Thursday last Friday Joe Daniels was odd even against the field, and, in many instances, was the favorite over all the others, but the rain made a slight change this morning.

Col. McDaniel was confident of winning this race, but there were whispers of extraordinary trials made by London and Cape Race, "and all those who know, know," which frightened many of the speculators, who were betting and taking the odds. These rumors are generally rife when important stakes are to be run for, and instead of taking them as "springs to catch woodcock," they are swallowed with avidity. All these wonderful stories of fast time, however, did not deter the shrewd betting man from investing heavily on Joe Daniels, who has always proved to be a reliable colt, and invariably first or second. He was therefore the favorite as the following rates:

Joe Daniels	$510	$450	$260
Cape Race	40	70	120
London	100	50	75
Meteor	100	75	120
Experience Oaks	15	17	22
Brother to Connolly	40	40	70

THE RACE.

After two false starts and some delay occasioned by the fractiousness of Cape Race, they were sent off with Brother to Connolly in the lead, London second, Joe Daniels third, Meteor fourth, Experience Oaks fifth and Cape Race sixth. When they were on the turn Cape Race took the fifth place from Experience Oaks, which was the only change that occurred in their positions. London made the running, and passed the quarter-pole a length ahead of Joe Daniels, who had got up second, the latter being two lengths in front of Connolly, third, Meteor fourth, Cape Race fifth and Experience Oaks sixth. As they went along the backstretch London went away a length and a half, and Meteor went up to the third place, passing Connolly. London in the meantime kept to the lore, but as the half mile pole he showed but half a length in advance of Joe Daniels, who was two lengths in advance of Meteor, with Brother to Connolly fourth, Cape Race fifth and Experience Oaks sixth. But one change occurred on the lower stretch, Experience Oaks taking the fifth place from Cape Race. As they came up the home-stretch Meteor headed Joe Daniels, and they both passed London. Meteor then came to the front, and passed the leaders a head's length in front of Daniels, who was three lengths away from London, with Connolly in attendance, Experience Oaks fifth, and Cape Race in the rear. As they moved round the turn, Meteor forged further ahead, and was half a length in front of Joe Daniels, the others in the same positions. At the quarter-pole Meteor was still half a length in the van, Joe Daniels second, three lengths ahead of London; Cape Race now in the fourth place, Experience Oaks fifth, and Connolly falling back to the rear. As they went down the backstretch Meteor got a length away from Joe Daniels, and London got within two lengths of the latter. Joe Daniels then made his run, and passed Meteor, assuming the lead, and reaching the four-mile pole half a length ahead of Meteor, who was two lengths in the rear of London, the latter being four lengths away from Cape Race, Connolly beaten off and out of the race. On the lower turn Daniels led a length, Meteor second, three lengths ahead of London, who was four lengths in front of Cape Race, he being three lengths away from Experience Oaks. Coming up the homestretch, Meteor got the whip and closed upon Daniels. They were now on even terms and Meteor looked like a winner, but a few yards from the stand, Joe Daniels came to the front and won the race by a length, Meteor second, three lengths ahead of London, who was six lengths from Cape Race; Experience Oaks fifth. Connolly no where. Time 3:46; the first mile in 1:46.

SUMMARY.

FIRST RACE.—The Kenner Stakes, for three-year olds; $100 entrance, half forfeit; $1,500 added by the Association; two miles; value of stake, $4,300.

D. McDaniel's ch. c. Joe Daniels, by Australian, dam Polly Carter, by Glencoe, Bat..... 1
D. R. Harmer's ch. c. Meteor, by Asteroid, dam Maria Innis, by Yorkshire, Gray..... 2
A. & C. R. Mazy's ch. c. Leviton, by Lightning, dam Zingara, by Star Davis, Ward..... 3
Wm. Jennings' b. c. Cape Race, by Lexington, dam Zone, by The Cure, Hayward..... 4
C. C. & R. H. Parks' br. or b. f. Experience Oaks, by Bonnie Scotland, dam Sallie, by Lexington, Miller..... 5
J. W. Pennack's b. c. (brother to Jas. A. Connolly), by Vandal, out of Margravine, by Magrate, Rice..... 6
Time—3:46.

THE SUMMER HANDICAP.

The next race to receive the attention of the spectators was the Summer Handicap for all ages; $100 entrance, half forfeit, and only $20 if declared; $1,500 added; two and a quarter miles. This had originally eighteen entries, but out of them twelve declared on the publication of the weights. This left six in, but three of them paid forfeit, and when the horses were called to the track to be saddled only the following three responded to the summons, viz.: D. McDaniel & Co.'s ch. c. Hubbard, 3 years, by Planet, out of Minnie Mansfield, by imp. Glencoe, 90 pounds; John Morrissey's ch. h. Defender, 5 years, by John Morgan, out of Cynconia, by imp. Herald, 105 pounds, and T. W. Doswell's (C. S. Lewis') b. f. Winesap, 4 years, by Vandyke, out of Winny, by Boston, 104 pounds. This was a close betting race between the three, and the figures were pretty even, although Defender, having the age of his competitors and favorably weighted, should have been the favorite at the distance. Hubbard carried his full weight, and yet he held his first choice, the knowing ones backing him strongly to win with a performance unaccountable. Defender had nine pounds of his proper weight, and was well backed by his owner, John Morrissey, at small figures as third choice, but this morning he was the favorite at the following rates:

Defender	200	200	500
Winesap	100	125	250
Hubbard	120	125	250

THE RACE.

The distance being two and a quarter miles, they were started from the stand, Winesap and when the flag fell Hubbard was away first, Defender second and Winesap third. Coming up the homestretch Defender came to the front, and passed the stand a length and a half in the lead, Hubbard being second, six lengths ahead of Winesap. As they went round the turn Winesap got a little closer to Hubbard. As the quarter-pole Defender still maintained the lead a length and a half in front of Hubbard, who was four lengths away from Winesap. As they went down the backstretch Defender opened away two lengths, Hubbard three lengths ahead of Winesap, who was coasting. At the half-mile pole Defender got away three lengths, and Hubbard was two lengths in advance of Winesap. In this they remained up to the stand. Defender passing the post still two lengths in front, and Hubbard a length and a half away from Winesap. On the turn Hubbard took Defender in hand, and by the quarter-pole he was going easy a length in advance of Hubbard, who was a length and a half in front of Winesap. As they went down the backstretch Winesap rushed up to and lapped Hubbard, but when they reached the half-mile pole she quitted and fell back three lengths behind Hubbard, who was at the heels of Defender, but on the lower turn Hubbard threw up the sponge also, and fell back to Winesap. At the three-quarter pole Defender was leading the other two half a dozen lengths, and increased the distance to ten lengths on the homestretch, by which distance he won the race. Hubbard and Winesap had a struggle for second place, Hubbard coming in half a length ahead. Time—1:24¾.

SUMMARY.

SECOND RACE.—The Summer Handicap for all ages; $100 entrance, half forfeit, and only $20 if declared; $1,500 added; two and a quarter miles.

John Morrissey's ch. h. Defender, 5 years, by John Morgan, out of Cynconia, by imp. Herald, 105 pounds. Gilsenick..... 1
D. McDaniel & Co.'s ch. c. Hubbard, 3 years, by Planet, out of Minnie Mansfield, by imp. Glencoe, 90 pounds. McCabe..... 2
C. S. Lewis' b. f. Winesap, 4 years, by Vandyke, out of Nina, by Boston, 104 pounds. Gibson..... 3
Time—2:24¾.

THE KENTUCKY STAKES.

This, the third race, brought the sport of the day to a termination. The Kentucky Stakes is for two-year olds; $100 entrance, play or pay; $50 forfeit; 1,000 added; one mile. It was inaugurated the same year as the Kenner, viz., 1870, and was then won by Harry Bassett. There were forty subscribers and eight starters, and the time was 1:47¾. Last year A. Keene Richards won the stake with Sue Rider, by imp. Knight of St. George, who is now owned by Col. McDaniel and the confederacy. There were thirty-one nominations and nine competitors, and the time was 1:47¾. The race of today was therefore the third of the Kentucky Stakes, which closed with forty entries, two of which are void by the death of James S. Walsh, one of the subscribers, viz.:

The programme of the day indicated the following as starters, viz.: Hunter & Travers' ch. c. Revilier, by Censor, out of Jennie Rose, by imp. Glencoe; also imp. b. c. Strachino, by Parmesan, out of May Bell, by Hetman Platoff; August Belmont's ch. c. Silk Stocking, by Kentucky, out of imp. Fluke; Dr. Kinney's ch. c. Tom Bowlin's b. c. Catesby, by imp. Eclipse, out of Katie, by Two Bits; R. W. Walden's ch. c. Liverpool, by Pianet, out of Novice, by imp. Glencoe; Leonard W. Jerome's ch. c. by imp. Australian, out of imp. Weatherwitch, by Weatherbit, and A. Belmont's ch. f. Electra, by Kentucky, out of imp. Reconciliation, by Lexington. Jerome's entry did not come to the post. In the betting, Belmont's pair were the favorites, and the betting became heavy at the following rates:

Belmont	$1,300	$700
Bowlin	410	400
McDaniel	700	325
Hunter & Travers	300	200

THE RACE.

When the flag fell Revilier went off first, Strachino second, Katy Pease third, Silk Stocking fourth, Electra fifth, Catesby sixth, Kentucky last. When they were on the turn Revilier got away a length with his stable companion second. When they reached the quarter-pole Revilier was still leading a length, Strachino second, Silk Stocking third, Electra fourth, Katy Pease fifth, and Catesby sixth. As they went down the backstretch Revilier still in the lead in fine position, and, passing all in front of her except Devout, who was soon at the second place. Revilier, however, kept clear to the front, and passed the half-mile pole two lengths ahead of Katy Pease, who was a length in advance of Silk Stocking, third, Electra fourth, Strachino fifth, and Catesby sixth. As the last year, but closing up. On the lower turn, Catesby went up to the fourth place with a burst of speed. At the three-quarter pole, Revilier was still first, with Katy Pease close upon him, Silk Stocking third, and Catesby fourth. Coming up the homestretch, an exciting contest ensued. Catesby was coming out, but lost a pocket, but soon got out. They were now all in a line, and Katy Pease was slightly in front, but Silk Stocking had some string left and shot to the front, winning the race by a length, Revilier second, Catesby third, Strachino fourth, Katy Pease fifth, and Electra sixth. Time—1:52.

SUMMARY.

THIRD RACE.—The Kentucky Stakes, for two-year olds; $100 entrance; $50 forfeit; $1,500 added; one mile.

August Belmont's ch. c. Silk Stocking, by Kentucky, dam Fluke..... 1
Hunter & Travers' ch. c. Revilier, by Censor, dam Jennie Rose..... 2
Gov. Oden Bowie's b. c. Catesby, by Eclipse, dam Katie, by Two Bits..... 3
Hunter & Travers' c. Strachino, by Parmesan, dam May Bell..... 4
D. McDaniel's ch. f. Katy Pease, by Planet, dam Minnie Mansfield..... 5
August Belmont's ch. f. Electra, by Kentucky, dam Bertine..... 6
Time—1:52.

The sun is very hot this afternoon, and the roads are drying finely, making the prospect for Monday very fine. The programme will consist of a steeple-chase, a dash of a mile and a half and a selling race of a mile and three-quarters for all ages.

The pools to-night on Monday's races are as follows:

SELLING RACE.

Cadence, 98 pounds	$60
King Henry, 89 pounds	40
Winesap, 98 pounds	120
Astronomer, 98 pounds	10
Seafood, 102 pounds	25
Echo, 95 pounds	25
Mary Louise, 89 pounds	10

STEEPLE-CHASE.

Vesuvius	170
Lochiel	30
Lebelle	25
Tasmany and Blind Tom	15
O'Donnell's Asteroid Colt	20

The mile and a half has Frank Hampton and Tubman entered. Hampton brings $110 and Tubman $40.

Destructive Fire in Boston—Loss $40,000.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 17.—A fire broke out early this morning in the eight-story granite block on Pearl-street, from Nos. 80 to 84. Messrs. Shaw, Taylor & Co., Joseph Harris & Son, N. D. Canterbury and R. W. Emerson occupied Nos. 84 to 88; C. W. Webster, C. E. Johnson and J. Sayre & Co., No. 86. Claflin & Thayer, Nos. 82 and 84, Messrs. W. E. Putnam & Co., E. P. Phillips & Co., and Edward Dowling & Co., occupants of Nos. 80 and 82, will be the losers losers. The entire block is occupied by boot and shoe stores. The damage will probably amount to from $30,000 to $40,000, which is supposed to be fully insured.

A FALSEHOOD CONTRADICTED.

Congressman De Large Denies the Report that He Had Declared for Greeley.

Special Dispatch to the New-York Times.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Aug. 17.—The statement of

CURRENT LITERATURE.

"NOTHING LIKE LEATHER."

A CAMPAIGN SONG.

Written for the Times.

I.

In early days our fathers wore
Their home-made buckskin breeches,
Cut out by guess-work measurement,
With leather thongs for stitches.
And now their sons are called upon
To rally 'neath the banner
Borne by these men of leather-craft—
The cobbler and the tanner.

The North and South, the East and West,
Will work and sing together,
And march to glorious victory,
For nothing wears like leather.

II.

We have some jobs on mongrel pelts,
And have the hands to do them;
Our Grant will neatly carry them,
And Wilson wax it to them!
The chopper up at Chappaqua
May go on with his planning;
We'll let him furnish all the bark,
But Grant will do the tanning!
The thin-skinned chaps will uppers make,
The tough old hides the leather;
The bolting sorehead crowd will do
For nothing but split-leather.

III.

The "later Franklin," statesman, sage,
Philosopher and farmer,
Retired in cool and rural shades,
As days grow long and warmer,
Can milk the gentle buttermilk
That grazes round with bell on,
And pan out butter sweet for Grits
To spread his watermelon!
Or he may seize his ready pen
In stormy, rainy weather,
And tell the world how shoe-pegs grow,
Or modes of smelting leather!

IV.

To spoil so fine a husbandman,
Who, perched up in the City,
Writes quires of what he never knew,
It surely were a pity—
No; let him breed the short-horn duck
And Poland-China gobbler;
We'll burden with the cares of State
The Tanner and the Cobbler!
The grand array of Commonwealths,
They'll bind as with a tether,
That ne'er again shall broken be—
For nothing holds like leather.

V.

The virtues, brains, and honesty
Of Horace they poke at us,
As if the Cincinnati fraud
Made him a Cincinnatus!
And while he seeks a season brief
Of rural peace and quiet,
Pure water is the only drink,
And herbs his only diet!
His old white hat and old white coat
Have served all kinds of weather;
But they are like his principles—
They will not wear like leather.

VI.

The squad that "run" old Chappaqua,
Our onset will remember,
When they confront our phalanxed lines
In battle next November;
Our flag is borne by gallant hands,
Four million votes behind it;—
Alas! where is the mongrel hope?
"Go West"—they cannot find it!
Like Grant, when in the Wilderness,
We'll "push" in spite of weather;
And "on this line we'll fight it out"—
There nothing is like leather!

UNCLE GEOFFREY'S TALL COPY OF TERENCE.

A STORY OF MAGOG'S NOSE.

My Uncle Geoffrey was as eccentrican old gentleman as you could desire to see. But, as he used to say, he was wealthy, and he could afford to be eccentric. And he was right, for people put up with his eccentricities who would have denounced him as a bear if it had not been for his money. At any rate, with all his eccentricities, he was generous and liberal; though at times he did kindnesses in a very odd way. Once on a time, for instance, he was applied to for a contribution to a certain charity. He always preferred being his own almoner, for, he said, if you wanted to give five pounds for any specific purpose, the only way to insure its reaching its object through any charitable organization, was to add two more fives to it to "oil the machinery," as he called it, meaning to pay the costs of distribution. I don't think, by the way, that he was very far wrong. Well, in this case, a local magnate was pestering him to subscribe as they were walking up the High-street. My uncle knew that his friend was more famous for getting others to subscribe than for his own donations; and, accordingly, just as the philanthropist was urging that "it is every man's duty to assist the struggling," my uncle's eye chanced to light upon a small boy striving to push a heavy truck up the hill. "Look here," said he, "if you'll practice what you preach, and help that boy yonder along with his load, I'll give you twenty pounds for your charity." The philanthropist went off in a huff, and my uncle quietly stepped into the road and helped the boy to push the truck to the top of the ascent.

This is but one instance of his eccentricity, but it will serve to throw a light on his character—especially when I add that the subscription list of the charity, when published contained the following item:

"From one who earned it by pushing a truck up High-street. £20."

My Uncle Geoffrey was a bachelor. People did say something about a love-disappointment in early life, but with what truth, I know not. He had two sisters, both of whom married professional men—in other words did not make very good matches. My father was an officer in the navy, who died of fever while off the African coast, cruising after slavers. My mother did not long survive him, and left me, her only child, to the care of her brother. Her sister had married a clergyman, a curate in a manufacturing town. One night a terrible fire broke out in a factory close to their lodgings, and spread so rapidly that, when assistance arrived, all in the house had perished, except my cousin—a lad of about ten—who at the first alarm had rushed out into the street, leaving his little brothers and sisters, who slept in the next room to him, to their fate.

My Uncle Geoffrey adopted both his nephews. We were brought up under his own eye by a tutor, who had been a school-fellow of his, an exceedingly clever scholar, who would have taken very high honors at the University but for a serious illness which had prostrated him at the time when he should have gone in for his examination.

My Cousin George was my senior by some three years, and was, therefore, always held by my uncle to be his heir; though he always added, when he mentioned the fact, that Dick—meaning me—should not want.

After a time we were sent to college; our ex-tutor, who had taken orders and acted as curate in the village a few years before we matriculated, being appointed to a living in my uncle's gift. As we were now young men, and our tutor was gone, our uncle became our mentor, and, as might be expected, laid down very extraordinary rules for our conduct. One of the chief of these was, that we were not to fall in love or go a-courting; but that, supposing such a misfortune as falling in love did overtake us, he was to be immediately informed.

He made each of us a handsome allowance, and did not insist greatly on our distinguishing ourselves at college. As might be expected, we both took things easily, and lived well, though we were careful to pass our examinations, for Uncle Geoffrey had always set his face against a "fellow's being plucked," as it used to be called in his time.

In the long vacation, he allowed us, after a month's stay at the Manor House, to wander wherever we chose, and he placed his yacht at our disposal entirely. He used it himself in the Spring and Summer, and declared that we youngsters didn't want to be bothered by an old man like him, and so should have the craft to ourselves.

In our yachting excursions George used always to take the command. He was a headstrong, selfish fellow by nature, and the indulgence shown to both of us by our uncle was in his case at least unfortunate, for it encouraged the growth of his failings. In my case I fear my uncle's kindness humored a tendency to carelessness in money matters, for I knew that his purse was always open.

After a time I found George always took the yacht to a small but pretty sea-port on the south coast, called Gulstone. Nor was I long in discovering the reason of this choice of an anchorage, though at first it seemed hardly a probable one. The fact was, George was paying attentions to a Miss Powsby, whose father, a retired soap-boiler, had purchased a villa near Gulstone. Now Miss Pewsby was not very pretty; on the contrary, she was abnormally plain. She was not ugly, for ugliness has a sort of piquancy which absolute plainness entirely lacks.

But she had her attractions. She was an only child, and Powsby *père* had not boiled soap for half his life to no purpose. Mrs. Powsby had been a distant connection of a real live Lord, and she had instilled into her husband the necessity for giving Penelope's hand to a gentlemanly and well-bred suitor. Consequently old Powsby turned up his nose at all the young men in his own sphere of life, and looked about for a husband for his child in a class in which he had no friends and few acquaintances. When George, the heir presumptive of Uncle Geoffrey, and, therefore, probable future Lord of the manor of Gillandale, having been introduced to Penelope at the bachelor's ball at Gualtone, began to show her marked attention, you may be sure neither she nor her father attempted to repulse his advances.

But George was artful enough to conceal his attachment from me for a long time. Indeed it was not until I, in my turn, fell a victim to the tender passion, that I discovered what was going on.

The Greeks had a profound and excellent reason for describing the goddess of love as born of the sea. If you want to make up a match between two people—who may even hate each other—send them off to sea for a voyage, and they will come back engaged. Even the shore, the sea-side, is equally perilous. There are more marriages settled on the sands and the beach than on any other portions of *terra firma*. By all of which moralizing, I desire only to plead an excuse for the fact that I was head over ears in love with Lucy Wilmot before we had met half a dozen times on the parade at Gulstone. We were introduced by a boisterous zephyr, which blew her sunshade over the cliff, and gave me the opportunity of running after it.

It was Lucy who told me of George's flame. When I mentioned my name, she knew me as his cousin and fellow-yachtsman, and supposing, of course, that I was his confidant, spoke of his engagement to Miss Pewsby, whose companion and distant relative she was.

I reproached George for having kept a secret from me; whereupon he grew very angry, and said with a sneer that he supposed I wanted to tell our uncle, and get him into disgrace. I was nettled, and answered sharply, and we had words. In the heat of our quarrel I mentioned how I came to hear of his attachment, and I saw, as I spoke, a malicious gleam come into George's eye.

"Soho!" said he, "Master Goodchild, the industrious apprentice—so you have been falling in love, too—and with a penniless governess. Hang it all, if Uncle Geoffrey is no fool, he'll see that my choice is at any rate a wiser one than yours!"

"He will have an early opportunity of deciding," I replied, "for as soon as we return, I shall tell him of my attachment."

"But I'll trouble you," interrupted George, "not to say anything about mine! Do so at your peril!"

"Don't threaten," said I. "I am no tale-bearer, and have no desire to speak of what does not concern me. Only I would remind you that our uncle desires to be told immediately of any serious attachments we may form. For your own sake——"

"For *yours*, you mean," said George, angrily; "I am judge of my own acts and interests. The old boy is getting shaky and can't last long, and I don't see why I should bother him. I shall not marry till after his death, when it won't matter what his views upon matrimony were!"

I did not like to hear him speak of our uncle's death so cold-bloodedly, so I dropped the subject, and we parted.

On our return to Gillandale I took an early opportunity of telling my uncle the state of my feelings. He did not seem surprised; and although, as I had expected, he stated his disapproval of marriage—especially with a dowerless girl—it was not so strongly expressed as I had anticipated. It struck me as odd at the time that he seemed to be thoroughly acquainted with the whole story before I had got half way through my narration of it.

He took occasion to banter me on the subject, the very next time George was present, and George laughed heartily, and even joined in deriding the idea of a portionless bride. But he was careful to confine himself to that, and not to press his wit too sharply, probably from a fear that I might be driven beyond my patience and turn the tables on him by revealing what I knew about Penelope Powsby.

My uncle, however, did not quit the subject without unconciously putting George into a far worse state of discomfort than me. He said to him, "Ah, George, how I wish Dick had your prudence and coolness. There's no fear of your being entrapped into matrimony, I know! Heart whole, eh, George?" George nodded his head, and was seized with a violent fit of coughing that made him quite red in the face. It was my turn to laugh then, when Uncle Geoffrey, with a chuckle, said, "Look there, Dick; the very idea of marrying sticks in his throat!"

After a while the subject seemed to be forgotten by both my uncle and George. As for me, it was, of course, impossible that I should allow so vitally important a matter to slip from my mind. I was constantly pondering over plans for the future, and striving to arrive at some decision as to what I should do to earn a living with the speediest prospect of marriage.

At last I determined to ask my uncle to give me the means of articling myself to a solicitor, and setting up in the world. But he refused me point-blank. "What on earth do you want to turn pettifogger for, when in a short time you'll have enough to live on comfortably? Can't you wait a year or so till the old man dies? I haven't got a much longer lease of life; you needn't grudge it me, Dick." I felt greatly hurt at his words, and protested against the accusation.

Uncle Geoffrey got cross, and I fired up too, and before either of us was aware, we had quarreled. It was but a tiff, but it wound up with a declaration on my part not to accept further favors of him, but to go into the world and see what I could do for myself. But the storm soon blew over. Next day my uncle gave me a good-tempered lecture, and telling me I was too young to think of marrying yet, managed at last to persuade me to promise him that I would wait a couple of years, and that then if I was of the same mind he would do what I wished in regard to my choice of a profession.

When I told George of this arrangement he called me a fool for my pains! "Did I think any girl would promise to wait for a man all that time, or even if she did promise, would be faithful to him? Of course not! Was not I sacrificing her to the whims of an old tyrant?" I thought this a strange line to take, considering his own situation, and I said as much, but I only got snubbed for doing so. "What asses you must be," he said, "not to see the difference. Miss Powsby is quite content to wait till the old boy's death, when I shall get the estates. That is waiting for a certainty—in your case it's only waiting for a remote chance! If I were you, I should go and repudiate the arrangement at once. I'll do what I can to help you if the old boy won't come down."

I declined his advice, for several reasons. I was fond of Uncle Geoffrey, and would [illegible] to pain, [illegible] have done [illegible] him. Besides, I knew that George's promise to do [illegible] very poor reed to rely on. In our boyish days I had always spent my pocket-money before I got it, while George always contrived to lay by out of his. But he was not to be prevailed upon to lend me any, even in my direst need. He always required it for some special purpose, for some luxurious bit of self-gratification. Finally, I had a suspicion—which I was almost ashamed to own—that George's advice was not entirely disinterested. If I had a quarrel with my uncle, why, but George would profit by it, in the sole and undivided inheritance of our uncle's property!

When but a year and a half of my probation had passed, and while I was away at Gulstone, my uncle died. His end appeared to have been peaceful, for he was found lying seemingly asleep in his bed. I need hardly say I returned at once to find George had promptly installed himself as master of Gillandale. I acquiesced, though it seemed to me a somewhat too early assumption of authority.

When, after the funeral, we came to examine the will, we found our uncle's eccentricity fully displayed. Indeed, its provisions were so very strange that I was advised by more than one solicitor to contest it. But that was far from my wish or intention, although I was surprised to find that my uncle had practically broken his word with me. His will handed over everything to George, leaving him, with regard to my share under the will, the option between giving me an estate some miles from Gillandale, worth about five or six hundred a year, and presenting me with my uncle's tall copy of "Terence."

George laughed heartily at this clause when it was read, and cried out that of course I should have the "Terence." I had always preferred the classics to mathematics, and he was sure Uncle Geoffrey meant it specially for me, for he had had it rebound not a year before his death.

But George did not laugh so loudly when the lawyer came to the final clause in the will, which provided that in the case of George's marrying any one of the name of Penelope he was to forfeit the property, which would then pass over to me.

George vowed that if he had not made up his mind about the "Terence" before, he had now, for he was sure I had betrayed his secret to my uncle. I disdained to reply, for to avow my innocence might look like an attempt to induce him to change his mind about the tall copy of "Terence." But I learnt before I left the house that the steward of the yacht, who was a confidential servant of my uncle's, had told him all about our doings at Gulstone.

I did not stay at Gillandale a moment longer than was necessary to pack up my clothes and other belongings. I had my last quarter's allowance untouched, for I had been away when it fell due, and my uncle had given it to old Mrs. Mardew, the housekeeper, to take care of for me.

It was not a large sum, but it was enough to exist upon for a while until I could look about me and find some employment.

I had half determined not to accept the "Terence," but on second thoughts I made up my mind to take it as a memento of Uncle Geoffrey, whom I could not help loving in despite of his injustice to me. So I put it at the bottom of my box, and turned my back, as I thought, for the last time on the place that for so many years had been my home.

You will very likely be able to guess whither I bent my steps. One place was as good as another to meditate on my fortunes in, but at Gulstone I should at least find consolation and sympathy, and accordingly to Gulstone I bent my steps. It was the height of the season, I found, and lodgings were scarce and year, but I was fortunate enough to get a clean and comfortable room in the cottage of a coastguard, situated about a mile out of the town.

Alas, as might have been expected, I forgot in the pleasure of the present the necessity of planning for the future. Days and weeks sped away, and were spent in wandering and waiting to catch a passing glimpse or—oh, happiness—a short interview with Lucy.

In the meantime a terrible storm had burst in the Powsby family. George wrote to Penelope, and told her about the final clause of the will. It would be useless, he urged, to prolong their engagement. To marry her he must sacrifice the property, and he felt sure she would not wish to wed a beggar. When Penelope showed the letter to Lucy, she at once declared that I should never dream of taking advantage of such a cause to deprive George of the estates; but Penelope was a woman of the world, and she pointed out that, considering the shabby way in which George had behaved to me, I should be justified in taking any steps to avenge myself. Human beings were fallible and uncertain, she said; and though I might promise not to do so, when the marriage had actually taken place, the temptation might be too strong.

Old Powsby was simply furious. Without waiting to consult his daughter, he at once instructed his solicitors to commence an action for breach of promise.

This startled George, and brought him round in the yacht, to try and compromise matters. It was some time before old Powsby would consent to see him, and then only at the urgent entreaty of Penelope, who was anxious to avoid the publicity of an action at law.

By this time the contents of my purse had reached a point of tenuity, which woke me from my dreaming. I must be stirring if I would not starve. I told Lucy, and in the course of the conversation I said, half-jestingly, that at any rate before I starved I could sell that tall copy of Terence! Lucy laughingly expressed a wish to see the interesting volume, so I promised to bring it over the next day. Accordingly, when leaving my lodging the following morning, I put the parchment-bound book under my arm, and, as the tide was going out, descended the cliff, intending to walk along the sands.

It was a nice fresh morning, and I strolled along gently, keeping close to the tide-line, turning over with my stick the odds and ends which the waves left behind them, and sending the sand-hoppers flying before me in clouds.

All at once I heard a cry that did not seem to be the call of a sea-bird. I looked round, and a little further up the beach I saw a heap of clothes lying. I at once saw the situation! Somebody had been tempted to bathe by the fineness of the day and the seclusion of the little bay. I had been warned of the danger of so doing by my coastguard landlord only two days before. A strong current swept into the bay, and out round Magog's Nose, a point a mile south of the bay; and even the best swimmers, if caught in this current, would have enough to do to save themselves. All this flashed across my mind in an instant, while I was gazing out seaward. As the cry came again, more feebly, I strained my sight in the direction whence it seemed to proceed, and could discern a figure floating out to sea. There was not a moment to lose. I kicked off my boots, flung off coat and waistcoat, and throwing the tall copy on the top of them, rushed into the water. The shore shelved rapidly and in a few minutes I found myself swept off my feet by the current and began to strike out in the direction of the bather. I was an excellent swimmer, and had only light flannels on, so my clothes did not much impede my progress.

As I rushed into the water I had given a long loud shout, and it seemed to encourage the drowning man, for his cries seemed stronger. I felt that if the current was no fiercer, and he had presence of mind enough to obey my directions, I could save him.

Imagine my surprise on nearing him to see that it was George! I am glad to think that I felt nothing but surprise—not for one second did I feel any hesitation. I called to him to lie on his back—I knew he was no swimmer, but could float, which is easy enough in salt water. Then I swam up to him and began to push him before me toward shore.

The task proved more difficult than I had calculated. I could make little headway across the current, and our only hope of safety lay in working diagonally nearer and nearer shore as it carried us to the Nose. If we were once borne beyond that we were lost, for the open sea lay before us. At length by slow degrees I edged him closer and closer to land, and felt the force of the current diminish. Finally we got into comparatively still water under the lee of the point, and I managed to get George on shore. He fainted away as soon as we reached dry land, and as I stooped over him to try and bring him to, a sudden giddiness seized me—a black cloud came before my eyes—and I sank insensible by his side. I don't know how long we lay in this state; but I awoke at last to find a couple of coast guardmen rubbing our hands and feet, and endeavoring to restore animation by the best means in their power. As soon as we were a little better, one of them ran up to the station to bring us dry clothes and a little rum. In about an hour's time we were able to get up the cliff, and were driven [illegible] the cottery class: Then beds are a great deal too high, and they run narrow. A bed ought to be very low and very wide—especially the second—so as to admit of territorial arrangements. An imaginary cordon may be as high as a five-barred gate. In the French farce *Une Dame et un Monsieur*, a chalk line across the carpet represents the Pyrenees. And why not? I have known "sweet summer" and pious awe that feared to have offended" represent even more than that. Children in bed make houses and castles and walls of China, and guarded pavilions, out of the simple sheets. And quite right! These sketches happen, (What are you bellowing about, Bill?" said a mother at the stair's foot one evening after her two boys had been put to bed. "Please, mother," said bellowing Bill, "Jem wants half the bed." "Well," says she, "let him have it, and you take the other half." "Yes, mother," says Bill, "but he will have his half out of the middle, and make me sleep on both sides of him."—*Saint Paul's Magazine.*

HEAD-DRESSES.—In the time of the Georges many monstrosities arose on the head, which we cannot wish to revive—exaggerations of styles pretty in themselves—enormous caps, and the thing called, perhaps in irony, a "commode." This we are daily expecting to see in modern drawing-rooms; for, besides its extreme uncomfortableness and temporary nature, which alone would recommend it to the millinex, it fulfilled one of a lady's favorite requirements—it was very tall. The commode was a row, or series of rows one above another, of stiff plaited lace, that shot up from the face, unsupported, like a peacock's crest, sometimes to more than the face's length. Women had tried to be bulkoks, they now tried to be birds; and though the crest, perhaps, gave piquancy to some faces, it utterly ruined any but a saucy, or a stern one; the straight V-shaped body, the long skinny train, assisted to impart a bird-like appearance. We may see, however, that in a cross old lady the commode lent a sharp and threatening aspect, which might prove a sufficiently wholesome check on a family of unruly children. It must have been almost as powerful as a birch-rod. After this came the beautiful little coquettish Watteau cap, which we have lately adopted in an emasculated form; and then, about 1750, the ladies' heads began to rise into the tawdry towers three feet high, which we must leave to that unclean date; and no pretty head-dresses have been seen in England since. If we except, perhaps, the immensely broad hats, lined with a color (which Sir Joshua Reynolds has been able to make beautiful) and nicknamed, from their extent, "donkey-races"—the sugar-loaf bonnet, and the fashions which followed the attempt to introduce classic forms, of a detestable and debased kind, are all too ugly, and, moreover, too wearisome, to describe at length. There was one, even humor to break the blank monotony of uglinesses both shape and color, (the mixtures of which were simply awful) and it is wrich to find any hints available for our own apparel we shall have now to leave England for other lands. But here, dropping history for the present, we shall proceed to inquire what kind of head-gear the ladies of our own time may wear with advantage.—*Saint Paul's Magazine.*

ISABELLA AND LOUIS NAPOLEON.—In July, 1868, immediately after the suppression of the Montpensier movement, or what was believed to be his movement, it became known on good authority to a few men in London that a secret convention had been negotiated between the Courts of Paris and Madrid, according to which, in the contingency of a war on the Rhine, Queen Isabella was to send an army corps to Rome, so as to enable Louis Napoleon to withdraw his troops from there, and to strengthen his aggressive force in the direction of Germany, against which he was then meditating an attack. The negotiations took some time. An exchange of Royal and Imperial visits at Biarritz and San Sebastian had, however, been arranged, for the purpose of placing the final seal upon the convention. But, by a most dramatic coincidence, the report of the rising at Cadiz arrived at the Spanish watering-place the very moment when Queen Isabella had ordered her carriage for the intended drive beyond the Pyrenees. In the nick of time the French ruler was thus warned not to embark in a fatal enterprise. Nevertheless, the course of events at home and abroad proved too strong for him, and he felt sped on in a career at whose end lay his own ruin and the signal defeat of France.—*Karl Blind, in the Dark Blue.*

THE ART OF PUNNING.—And thenæus gives many specimens of puns in his amusing *Deipnosophists*. The punster may point to Cæsar, Martial, Cicero and Ovid, as companions in his crime. Plautus loved quibbling as much as Shakespeare did; and when Lord Erskine was reproached for punning, because it was the lowest kind of wit, he answered, "True; and therefore it is the foundation of all wit." Charles Lamb, as a punster himself, was sorry to see puns limping ashamed in the train of wit, and he stands up staunchly for them, saying, "A pun is a noble thing per se; it is entire, and fills the mind; it is as perfect as a sonnet." Punning is to language what grimaces are to gestures; it is also the wit of words, and bears the same relation to language that true wit does to ideas. A confirmed punster, who fires off pun after pun, and tortures every word into a jest, is an unmitigated bore; and we can but agree with Sydney Smith when he writes: "One invaluable blessing produced by the banishment of punning is an immediate reduction of the number of wits. It is a wit of so low an order, and in which some sort of progress is so easily made, that the number of those endowed with the gift of wit would be nearly equal to those endowed with the gift of speech." Nevertheless, there is no reason why a wit should not occasionally make a pun; and Sydney Smith could appreciate a good one when he heard it. In "Rev. Hamilton's Lectures on Education," a story is told of a school-girl who, during her examination, persisted in miscalling the word patriarchs—partridges. "Oh," was the comment of an auditor, "she makes game of the patriarchs." The witty canon characterized this as the most perfect pun he knew.—*British Review.*

BIRDS OF THE HEBRIDES.—I sit dreaming, while a panorama of past scenes floats by, each scene surrounded by its presiding Spirit of a Bird. In the dizzy air, on the "ribbed sea sands," through dark pine woods paved with azure flowers, amid lone isles blackening in the sea, over swamp, bog and rainbow-kindled marsh, I seem to be winding my ever-changing way. The Curlew calls, the Snipe drums, the Blackbird whistles, the Kestrel hovers, the Tern wavers, and the Gray-lag swangs. A little ago I was in the woods near Benaw, hearkening by nightfall to the monotonous calls of the grasshopper warblers; a moment since, amid the fir plantations on the banks of Loch Feochan, I was hearkening to the deep-toned plaint of the Cushat, and the whistling of the Mavis, just as Tannahill heard them of old in the "bonnie woods of Craigielea"—

"Far ben thy dark green plaintive shade
The cushat croodles amorously;
The mavis, down thy bushted glade,
Gars echo ring frae tree to tree!"

and now, I am floating on the storm-vexed waters of the Minch, out of sight of land, with a hurricane of rain around me, (though the month is July,) while a number of tiny Storm-petrels, tempted out doubtless by the infernal weather, are hovering up and down, swift as insects, close to the yacht's stern. The tiny Petrel (*Thalassidroma Pelagica*, the bungling pedants have christened him; and, good heavens! what a mountain of a name for such a mite of a bird!) breeds everywhere in the Hebrides, affecting chiefly the most exposed quarters, such as Canna, Rum, Eigg, and the heads of Skye. They fly chiefly by night, but a good stiff breeze, especially if it promises to rise, often brings them out by daylight; whence their appearance is by many fishermen considered ominous of bad weather. Dr. Gray's description of their flight is perfect. "There they were, pattering the top of each wave, the broken crest of each they barely touched as it rose and threatened our bulwarks. Several times they seemed as if they might have been touched by the hand. * * * They did not appear to pick up anything, but unstringly followed the rising and falling of the water—now going down into a hollow, and now rising with the wave until the edge broke and curled over, when the little feet were let down with a gentle tripping movement as if trying to get a footing on the treacherous deep. Sometimes, as one of them remained in the trough of the sea, until the wave seemed ready to engulf the little creature, it mounted sideways to let it pass, and down it went on the other side with 'contemptuous celerity.'" The tiny black moth of a bird, measuring not six inches in length, burrows in the earth like a puffin, and lays one small white egg and after incubation, it feeds its small fluff of white down with oil secreted in its crop. So greasy is its body, that one has only to run a wick through its body to have a capital lamp ready made. Its appearance at sea is deemed ominous enough by sailors, whence its familiar name of "Mother Carey's Chicken," and in good truth with some reason, for it seldom ventures far abroad in respectable weather.—*Saint Paul's Magazine.*

M. TAINE IN ENGLAND.—A very droll story, which is current in Oxford, throws partial light also upon another way in which life may have been travestied to the Frenchmen. A great Oxford Don, whom it is unnecessary to name, went to the chief inn of the place, according to this story, to seek the distinguished stranger, and found him at dinner, consuming with what appetite he might a plate of roast-beef accompanied by buttered toast. "What is that you are eating," asked the astonished Don. "It is quite distinguished the dish of the country," said the visitor, pointing out to the amazed beholder the *carte*, upon which "roast-beef and potatoes" was inscribed. Potatoes, as the reader will see if he tries, when pronounced quickly with a distinct emphasis on the first, and a lengthened one on the last syllable, sounds extremely like *buttered toast*. At sight the waiter had understood the order; and the philosopher consumed the greasy accompaniment with distress, but complacency, making his notes all the time on the terrible habitudes of this flesh-consuming people. He says nothing, certainly, about the buttered toast; but he describes the "large portions of fat meat and vegetables without sauce," which were served up to him in "twenty taverns" in succession, with an internal shudder which it is easy enough to understand.—*Blackwood.*

MIRABEAU.—May 14, 1777.—Mme. de Monnier was imprisoned in Paris. Mirabeau in the dungeon of Vincennes, where he remained nearly four years, treated with the utmost severity, deprived of all companionship, and where, in his own words, "*ma tête* with grief," his only consolation was the correspondence with Mme. de Monnier, permitted through the city of the Lieutenant-General of Police, M. de Lamoir, whose office fiction he entirely ignored. These "Lettres à Sophie"—famous letters, which have been thought by far superior to Rousseau's passion is to sentiment, or truth to fiction—were intrusted to the care of M. Boucher, an excellent, disinterested man, who was appointed by M. Lemoir for the immediate surveillance of Mirabeau; and for some time he observed with rigor the prescribed injunctions as to their length, number, the subject on which they were written, and the interval to elapse between each one; but by degrees, touched by the ever-renewed expressions of gratitude, and reassured by the resignation and docility of his prisoner, M. Boucher relaxed some of the imposed restrictions. He allowed him to write as many and such interminable effusions, that it may be fairly surmised he did not always find time to read them. He was only strict in insisting on the originals being returned to him when he religiously placed them among the prison documents, where they were found thirteen years afterward, and taken, or rather stolen, by Manuel, the Procureur de la Commune, who made a good speculation of them.—*London Society.*

HAIR-DRESSES.—Women usually like something which gives them height, piquancy, and, above all, conspicuousness. They are not to be blamed for this. A woman's role is to attract, and, when she has attracted, to enchant. But in following this aim too zealously she often outruns the scent by a long way, after the fashion of young and inexperienced hounds. A woman ought never to forget that sometimes in gaining a little she loses much. As, for instance, when the hair a few years ago was turned up with a sweep, and the bonnet dwindled to a tuft, every woman gladly threw aside the "curtain" which had shielded her throat from the sun, and every woman lost her white neck. Again, when a little hair was worn like a round target against a mountain, women said they were going to shade their eyes; but in reality they only sacrificed the whole of the forehead and eyebrows (usually the best part of the face) to the most unmeaning saucer that ever rested on a snub. The Normans brought in the fashion of long plaits of hair, reaching to the hips, and sometimes bound with ribbons or encased in silk of various colors—a pretty fashion, but one that made some additional head-dress requisite. With the Plantagenets we have the first hint of the veil as distinct from the hood, and soon after appear the strange and varied head-dresses which we must discuss in detail, and wherein we may see how the simplicity and utility of the earlier dress that had so much beauty in them had given place to a vain craving after mere beauty which grew less and less as the fair wearers sacrificed more and more to fashion, sense, and propriety in its pursuit.—*St. Paul's Magazine.*

A JAPANESE GROOM.—At 5 o'clock in the morning we set off with M. Landon, on an excursion which promises to be charming, and, indeed, is so. We are going to try some horses which we think of taking for a month. It is a ride of forty-eight miles, and if they resist such fatigue the bargain will be concluded. They are cobs, black as ebony, with a bright and lively eye and a touch of the Arab about them. To ride to horse! we must be off. We begin by an hour's fast trot, along the valley, which extends south of Yokohama, and followed a narrow path in the middle of the rice-fields, every moment jumping over little streams a foot wide, made of three bamboos placed side by side. All this time I have had the pleasure of watching my "betto," Japanese groom, who ran before me with the agility of a gazelle, warning my horse, his friend, of a sharp little cry in every difficult place. It seems that a Japanese groom runs as much as they ride without this faithful and indefatigable runner, with his fragile and nervous limbs, who rivals his horse. "Aramado" (that is the name of my new servant) has, indeed, throughout this long day, kept up with our rapid pace, the whole time; if we dismounted at a tea-house there he was, taking care of my horse, washing his nostrils with fresh water, and providing him with a slight repast of beans. I wish I could show you how he barely touches the ground with his light tread! When he started his dress was magnificent; he wore a dark blue robe with enormously large sleeves, and tight trousers, which defined the most exquisite legs. As he ran through the rice-fields, his sleeves streaming in the wind, he looked like a great blue butterfly racing after the tall flowers. Soon, gradually throwing off all his coverings, he appeared only clothed in a pair of socks and his scarlet tattoo marks, which represented a struggle between a woman, some large birds and a serpent. English ladies would have preferred the tattooing of M. Lindtner's model perfectly naked, he was yet clothed. His tattoo marks represented a blue jacket with white buttons, red seams, scarlet, designed in the middle of the back, and trousers (very tight, it is true, since it was his skin) of black and white checks.—"A Voyage Round the World," by the Marquis de Beaucourt.

AN IRISH POMPEII.—Few outside the County Donegal have, perhaps, ever heard of this island (Rutland) of sand-hills and buried and unburied ruins. Yet nearly a hundred years ago it created a great sensation in Ireland, and was regarded in its way as a kind of El Dorado. About 1780 herrings set in there in enormous quantities—a millionth part of them could not be consumed by the surrounding country. The means of cure were so inadequate that vast quantities were spread over the fields for miles around for manure. In 1783 a company was formed to reap the wonderful harvest of the sea, with a capital of £70,000. The Irish Parliament gave a grant toward the object; £40,000, it is said, was laid out in buildings, which consisted of a military barrack, a custom-house, a sail and net factory, and a number of houses in the streets for the clerks, artisans and fishermen. Wakefield in his political and statistical history of Ireland, relates what a wonderful scene of in-

TO OUR NEW FRIEND, THE OLD DEMOCRAT, H. G.

Written for the Times.

AIR—*The Groves of Blarney.*

Like the waves of ocean, in wild commotion,
Our deep devotion runs high for you.
What we've been 'shaking' those six years to shake off
For sixty Novembers, we remember not well;
You must love us sister and sweet Chappaqua
To lade the nation, with self-abnegation,
To the highest station that it ever saw!

With circumspection, but no subjection,
At the next election we'll cast our votes;
While, as loyal hearts, there'll be who cheerin',
And leaning of hear in jovial Democratic throats.

Then, whin 'tis over, like a cowlt is clover,
Each rebel rover can frisk and play!
O, what fond hand-shakin' and merry-makin',
And Radical quakin' you will see that day!

Then the b'ys 'll meet you, Tammany greet you,
Our Ring will treat you to cowld weather straight,
In commemoration of our great salvation,
An' your elevation to the Chair of State!
Your quick conversion we won't be harsh on—
'Tis good diversion for the b'ys to see
Of our deprivation in your long separation
From the thrue owld party that you loved so well!

O, 'tis I would show it, if I wor a poet,
Like Mither Dana or Bir Six's chief,
How the Sage Woodchopper never tells a "whopper,"
For cares a copper for the Radical belief;
But was meditatin' and slyly watin'
For a chance of batin' the Abolitionists,
And over war's chasm without a spasm,
With enthusiasm to clasp the Johnny's fists!

How all yer writin' our prospects blightin'
By day an' night in the owld *Tribune*,
Was done in kindness, tho' bekase of blindness,
We couldn't see it in your organ's tune!
But, now, Sare farmer and party charmer,
We see no harm or ill will in that;
Shure you're wan of us now, an' we won't discuss now
Unpleasant subjects with the cold White Hat!

Like Alexander, the great commander,
I'm towld you'll meander in a coach and four
To the spacious White House, which stands convenient,
With illigant gardens and cabbages galore!
There Gineral Jackson, that laid hard whackson
The Sarpin's backs on that day of fate,
On his horse astraddle, with a golden saddle,
Keeps guard undaunted by forninst the gate!

'Tis there through bowers bedecked with flowers
You may roam for hours like a fairy Prince,
Where the sweet persimmons an' the lusious limons
Hang from one stim on the nice garden fince!
There the thumpin praties, likewise tomaties,
And ponderous pumkins an' say o'thers grow!
Wid yer fancy farmin' the place'd be charmin',
You could so improve it wid yer ax an' hoe!

But och! how humblin' 'twill be, if crumblin',
Our castles tumblin' shall bury our hopes,
And Grant, the tanner's, victorious banners
Eclipse all Carl Sumner's rhetorical tropes!
Thousts, like waves of ocean, in wild commotion,
Our deep devotion runs high just now—
Since there's nothin' certain and the lifted curtain
May show new learels on Grant's martial brow!

H. G.

NEW-YORK, July 22, 1872.

MENDELSSOHN AND GOETHE.—The first test to which Goethe put the young artist was to make him improvise on a theme furnished by Zelter. Zelter sat down to the piano, and with his stiff, cramped fingers played a very simple tune in triplets, "Ich träumte einsto von Hannchen," as tame and trivial an air as need be. Felix played it through after him, and the next minute went off into the wildest allegro, transforming the simple melody into a passionate figure, which he took now in the bass, now in the upper part, weaving all manner of new and beautiful thoughts into it in the boldest style. Everybody was in ecstasy—and as the small childish fingers worked away at the great chords, mastering the most difficult combinations, and evolving the most surprising contrapuntal passages out of a stream of harmony, though certainly without paying much regard to the melody, it was one of Zelter's principles to be very chary of praise, his aim being to save his pupil from conceit and overestimation of his own powers—"those cursed enemies of all artistic progress," as he called them. No sooner, therefore, had Felix finished than he said, in a tone of the most complete indifference, like an old pedagogue bent on spoiling the boy's brilliant success, "What hobgoblins and dragons have you been dreaming about, to drive you along in that helter-skelter fashion?" Goethe saw his object, and taking the head of the little artist in his two hands and caressing it, said in a playful way: "But you won't get off with that; you must play more before we can quite believe in you." So Felix had to play Bach fugues, of which Goethe was particularly fond; then he asked for a minuet, upon which the boy cried out, with flashing eyes: "Shall I play upon the most beautiful one in the whole world?" and played the minuet from "Don Juan."—*Goethe and Mendelssohn, by M. E. von Glehn.*

IGNORANCE IN REGARD TO NATURAL HISTORY.—Few men know the difference between the Birch and the Hornbeam, the Curlew and the Whimbrel. Modern authors, poets particularly, write as if they had been brought up in a dungeon or a hothouse, never breathing the fresh air or beholding plants and birds in a state of nature. It is a fool's life, as they will find when they get to the end of it, if not before." The pursuit of false comforts, the desire of vain accomplishments, the eating of social lollipops, these are modern vanities. I was speaking the other day with one of the best educated men in England, a party finished to the finger-tips, great in philosophy, and "in Pindar and poets unrivaled." He had never seen an eagle or a red deer; he could neither shoot, fish nor swim; he was sea-sick whenever he left dry land; he believed the "sheets" of a boat to be her "sails;" he knew as (Browning expresses it) "the Latin word for Parsley," but he had never even heard of "white" heather. For this being, his university had done all it could, and had turned him out in the world about as ign

ABOUT TURTLES.

There are four or five species of edible reptiles, which have for many years been used as food by man. In the localities where they originate they are the means of subsistence to large numbers of persons, but when they are brought to other countries, where they are considered great delicacies, only the privileged classes are able to partake of them often, and then only in their season. Foremost among the edible reptiles the turtle takes the rank, and has for centuries been the favorite of the epicure, who considers its flesh unsurpassed in delicacy and natural richness, and esteems it as one of the greatest luxuries. Princes have their admirers, and are an excellent food. Crocodiles and lizards are also eaten. But the choicest fricasseed frog, the rarest crocodile cutlet, the juicest salamander pot-pie, and the most palatable lizard stew, are not to be compared to delicious turtle soup and savory turtle steak. Like all other delicate dishes, it requires a peculiar skill to make good turtle soup, and to cook the steaks properly. One of the great secrets of the science of turtle-cooking is the seasoning, each *cuisinier* having his own way of preparing the various condiments which he uses to mash it to a pulp.

All over the world the returns of turtle are found, few in some places, numerous in others, according to circumstances, and the means of obtaining a sufficient supply of the reptiles. A hundred years ago they were a great rarity in England, but now every ship from the localities where they are caught seldom fails to bring at least a few of them. It has found such favor in this country as well as in many of the European countries, that some turtle pens have formed for social purposes, the principal object, of course, being the indulgence of their favorite dish. The oldest turtle club in this country is the Philadelphia Turtle Club, which was established in 1840, and has continued to maintain its popularity to the present time, when it contains 150 members, the full complement. The motto of the Club is, "As we journey through life let us live by the way." Its present officers are James L. Miller, President; Anson B. Taylor, Secretary; A. L. Ashman, Treasurer, and Henry N. Mott and Harris Bogart, Stewards. During each year they have four dinners, on which the members and their friends participate. Turtle is the basis of nearly all the courses, and is arranged by celebrated cooks in different varieties of soups, steaks, snowder, and salad. The Manhattan Turtle Club was started a short time ago by some of the dissatisfied members of the Hoboken Club, but it has not proved as successful as its originators hoped it would. The former Club is an New-York institution, although its name seems to indicate otherwise, arising from the fact that years ago, when Hoboken was a beautiful suburban retreat, it was the practice of the Club to hold its reunions there. The quarterly dinners are now held at Claremont, on the Hudson, with the exception of the Winter one, which is given at the Astor House, the great place for turtle soup and steaks. Its reputation has extended all over this country and Europe, and with every outgoing steamer they ship many cans of soup and steaks prepared by them to the London club-houses. They consume yearly over 25,000 pounds of turtle soup.

The principal persons in this City who have achieved a reputation for making the most delicious turtle soup are A. L. Brewer, S. C. Mott, Henry Seaman, James M. Morton, John Kelly, Mr. Thompson and Miss Fannie McGovern. When a gentleman gives a dinner party in which turtle plays a prominent part, he sends for one of these noted makers and gives the necessary orders for the kind and quantity, and they get it up in their best style, each one having his own ideas concerning the make up and the seasoning.

Many persons are of the opinion that the turtle suffers pain by being turned on its back, but old turtle catchers and dealers aver that it does not hurt the reptile in the least. It will be remembered that Mr. Bergh took compassion on a poor turtle which he saw on a cart in Beekman-street lying on its back and the blood oozing from its oblique or belly. He had the driver arrested and tried in the Court of General Sessions, but after a long trial the jury could not come to an agreement as to the guilt of the man.

Terrapins, terrapins and turtles are generally supposed by most persons to be the same, and are usually confounded with each other by the popular mind, their names being used interchangably. Naturalists, however, draw a distinction between them, separating them into three distinct species of the order *chelonian*, giving the tortoise the highest rank. They are easily distinguishable by those who know the general characteristics of each species. The common acceptation of the terms is that the names tortoise and terrapins are given to the land variety of turtles, while the name turtle is applied to the marine reptile. In the old Saxon language, the word turtle meant turtle-dove, and the word bore the same signification in the English language until a century or two ago, when the name turtle was given to the marine *chelonone* of the Caribbean Sea by the sailors, and they have continued to go by that name ever since. What resemblance the reptile bears the bird we call the turtle-dove is hard to determine, yet there must be some significance to warrant the name.

The turtle is made use of in many ways, but is chiefly caught for food, or else for its shell, which is valuable for a variety of ornamental fancy articles. The flesh of the turtle has long been highly esteemed for its richness and delicacy, and is a favorite dish among those whose purses are able to provide for the gratification of their tastes. It is commonly made into soup, or fried in steaks, like beefsteak; the under part of the breast, called the calipee, and the abdomen are considered the choicest parts, although the liver and fat are also highly esteemed. They furnish food to thousands in the West Indies and other localities where they abound, affording not only sustenance but employment for numbers of persons who make it a business to catch them. They are known all over the world, and are eaten as food everywhere, by the peasant as well as the king, and by the savages of the tropical forests, likewise the civilized inhabitants of every part of the globe. They abound most in the seas of the torrid and temperate zones, the principal localities from which the chief supply is obtained being the islands of the Caribbean Sea, the Gulf of Mexico, and the shores of Brazil and Guiana.

There are several varieties of turtles, foremost among which is the green turtle, so called from the color of the delicate fat which enhances the richness of the dishes composed of turtle in its various forms, and is more highly prized than any of the other varieties of edible turtles. Next in rank to the green turtle is the hawksbill turtle, then the loggerhead, and finally the leathery or trunk turtle. The hawksbill derives its name from the projecting hawk-like curve of the upper part of the beak. It is sought after principally for its beautiful horny plates, which constitute the tortoise-shell of commerce. It is found in the West Indies, Gulf of Mexico, Mediterranean Sea, and the Pacific and Indian Oceans. The shell plates are softened by warm water, and after they are removed from the reptile it is let go in order that it may produce a subsequent supply. The shells are then subjected to boiling water and steam until they are soft and clean, after which they are pressed between wooden blocks until they are flat. Tortoise shell possesses the peculiar property of uniting perfectly together when two pieces are thoroughly softened, heated and pressed. The scraps and clippings are also formed into solid cakes for the manufacture of ornamental articles, such as combs and other fancy articles. The shores of the Mediterranean Sea furnished large quantities to the ancient Romans, who used it to veneer the furniture and inlay the doors of their dwellings. The entablature was used as a shield, a name by which it is frequently called, and proved a very good cradle and bath-tub for children.

The leathery or trunk turtle, is the largest variety, often attaining a length of seven or eight feet, and weighing upward of a thousand pounds. This variety is also found in large numbers along the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Its shell is used for drinking-troughs, children's [illegible] and bassinettes, or a kind of [illegible] known to the ancients, and the Greeks are supposed to have used its dried carapace and tendons to construct their musical lyres. The principal use made of the loggerhead turtle is to extract the oil, as it furnishes an excellent burning-oil. The flesh of the young is sometimes eaten, but that of the old is exceedingly tough and rank to the taste.

The green turtle is sold every day in our City in front of the prominent restaurants, being placed on exhibition previous to being cut up into steaks, or made into soup, two ways in which the flesh is generally served up. They are brought by the hundreds from the West Indies and the Gulf of Mexico, where they are very abundant. The flesh is remarkably rich and delicately flavored, and the green fat enjoys a world-wide reputation, which it fully deserves. In the West Indies the smaller turtles are considered the best for culinary purposes, and one weighing between twenty and thirty pounds finds a far readier sale there than the large ones which are exported to the United States and to Europe. Toward the end of Spring they come ashore to lay their eggs in the sand of the beach, out of reach of the water. They usually select a dark moonlight night, and a quiet, deserted place. By the aid of their feet, or flippers, a hole is dug about a foot deep, in which the reptile deposits its eggs, arranging them in regular order, often as many as one hundred and fifty eggs. In the next night after the first visit, [illegible] with an interval of about two weeks. The eggs are covered over with sand, and left to be hatched by the heat of the sun. The turtle being cold-blooded and incapable of incubation, it is necessary, to warm into action the young life lying dormant in the turtle's eggs, for them to be buried in a hot, sandy soil, where, if shaded from the rays of the sun, and the beams of the moon, the shell is broken in sixty days, and the young creatures struggle upward from their sandy prison and crawl down to the sea. From the hour of their birth, the young turtles are capable of taking for themselves, and the armor with which nature provides them affords ample protection against the monsters of the deep. In some of the islands of the West Indies there are heavy penalties for disturbing turtles' eggs; care is done in order to keep up the supply of turtles, for as soon as the eggs are hatched the young ones make for the sea. Where no penalties are imposed the turtles have become very scarce, and when caught bring a high price. The eggs of a turtle are about the same weight as a small pullet's egg. When the turtle is cut open as many as 500 eggs are found, all perfectly round, more than one-half having a white shell over them, the others being covered with only a soft skin, and appearing of a bright yellow color. The green turtle generally feeds on the seaweed, sometimes called turtle-grass, and its feeding grounds are easily distinguished by the pretucedere from the fact of the portions of the sea-moss which it breaks off while in the act of eating rising to the surface of the water. Sometimes they will eat crustaceans, mollusks and other aquatic animals.

In the more highly cultivated and densely peopled islands of the West Indies—such as Barbados, Trinidad and Martinique—the business of turtle-catching has considerably diminished since the freedom of the blacks, as many of the latter having turned their attention to fishing, causing a consequent diminution in the number of turtles about the coast. But in the less numerously inhabited islands of Grenada, Tobago, St. Vincent, and especially in the little strip of coral known as Carriacou, fishing among the inhabitants, as a business, ranks second only to sugar cultivation. Here the hot, stretched across the turtle's path to its favorite feeding ground, brings in its return daily, and the fisherman seldom waits in ambush in vain for the larger specimens, which, seeking a dry spot for her eggs, climbs up the sandy beach to the underwood of the jungle which border on all tropic seas. It is chiefly through coming up to the edge of the wood in this way that the larger varieties of turtles are captured. A fisherman, in his early morning walk along the beach to the point where his boat is moored, or his snares are set, observes in the sand the marks made by the fins of the turtle in her short journey to and from the wood. Following the tracks she discover soon reaches the exact spot where the eggs are buried, and at a glance will be able to tell whether the previous night has been the first of her coming, and this being affirmatively determined, the fisherman will, as well as he can, erase the tracks, and revisit the locality on this night to watch for her return, as she invariably makes three visits to her nest. Possibly, after hours of anxious waiting, and when the moon is low down in the horizon, promising every moment to leave him in the dark, the watcher in the underwood will have every nerve set on edge by hearing a low splashing in the shallow water near the shore, accompanied by the familiar "blowing," plainly distinguishable from the monotonous murmur and ripple of the ocean. Sure enough, in the moonlight water is the head of the turtle, now close to the shore, and in another moment, with the first ripple of the breaker that has thundered long ago over the distant reef, the marine reptile is landed, or more properly, stranded in the surf. Patently the anxious fisherman waits, yet nervously, for the fall of a leaf or the snap of a twig would frighten back the coming prize, and take away the equivalent of a month's income. Slowly the turtle climbs up the slight incline of the shore until the sea is half a dozen yards behind her, when the fisherman rushes out of his hiding-place, puts his strong arms on the belly of the creature, and, with a push, turns her on her back, where she flounders helplessly. The fins are bed with a rope, and, with the assistance of a neighbor whom the lucky fisherman has awakened, the prize is carried through the woods and secured in the fisherman's dwelling, where it remains until beheaded and sold in parcels to the gentry of the neighborhood. Only the female species are caught in this way, but the males are often secured by the boats while fishing in deep seas far from shore, the mode of capture being by gorge, used according to circumstances. The large species generally weigh from 150 to 250 pounds; although native fishermen affirm to have seen them far from shore of gigantic size, and so formidable as to render any attempt at capture exceedingly dangerous. The smaller kinds, varying from fifteen to 100 pounds—those less than the former weight being taken for use—are caught by means of strong twine nets, stretched across the beds of moss known to be favorite feeding grounds. The nets are about a hundred yards long, with the meshes a foot wide. They are kept stationary, erect and unentangled in the water by means of heavy pieces of lead placed at intervals on one side and bits of light wood and cork on the other side. There is a peculiar kind of fish often caught in the nets with the turtles, called the whipperay. Its tail is from ten to twenty feet long, having three sharp projecting bones, and is used as a lash by the fish when excited from any cause. The fishermen are often struck with this tail, while wading to the nets, and frequently receive dangerous and painful wounds, especially if one of the bones strikes the flesh, as it is sure to lacerate it.

Turtle fishing, like most other things, has its occasional humorous features. Nothing is more productive of jealousy than the remarkable success of a single individual during a season. The man that is up early to look after turtle tracks is generally the most successful; but he often pays for it watching night after night for turtles that never come, and whose supposed tracks had been neatly scraped out with an old fin by a jealous neighbor, who goes to the trouble of arising at the most unseasonable hour to "fool" his more lucky rival. The net men are also up to all sorts of tricks and dodges to annoy or get the best of their fellows. Every man is supposed to have a particular place for "pitching" his net, and should he haul it off for repairs, woe to the man who dares even a temporary occupation of the spot. Immediately a new net is bought or borrowed, and pitched outside that of the intruder, who responds by another "set" beyond the second net, and so the rivalry goes on, until every net adjustable has been brought in harness and for half a mile out the sea is one great drift of dark "fishing," and every little officially fashioned buoy. After a week or more the nets are hauled in.

On the Mozambique coast, and in the Indian seas the remora or sucking fish is used to capture marine turtles. These fish are from one to three feet long, and possess the peculiar property of attaching themselves to large fish, turtles and other marine creatures. A number of them are taken to sea in a vessel containing water to keep them alive, and are put overboard when a turtle is seen; they have a rope fastened to the tail, and in the instinct to escape they attach themselves to the nearest turtle, which is hauled in together with the fish.

Probably no creature gives so great a yield of edible portions in ratio of gross weight as the turtle. In a turtle weighing 100 pounds, probably less than ten pounds will be actually thrown away, only the heavy part of the head, the back, and the tips of the fins being unfit for use. The back of a full grown turtle is generally worth triple its weight of flesh to its owner, as it can be profitably used in manufacturing fancy articles from the transparent, scaly armor with which it is covered. The prices of turtles vary according to the locality where they are purchased. In some of the Windward Islands, where they are less plentiful, the price of the live creature is from six to eight cents a pound, according to the species, but in those parts where they can be caught at will by practiced hands, only half the prices first mentioned can be realized. Where they are caught the flesh cut up brings from ten to fourteen cents a pound, varying with the quality. The price of the shells of the turtle vary according to the quality, size and species; a good back shell is worth about $2 gold in Barbados, and at Grenada they bring nearly the same amount. Many of the vessels of the Brazil, Havana and Texas lines are in the habit of bringing turtles as a part of their cargo. They are placed on their backs, either on deck or in the hold, and are easily managed, requiring but very little attention. The vessels bring from twenty to a hundred at a time, and upon their arrival they are quickly purchased by dealers, hotel-keepers and others. They may be seen almost any day along the wharves of South-street, where the steamers come in. They can always be purchased at Fulton, Catharine and Washington Markets during the season; but the best ones are generally secured by the hotel-keepers and restaurants, who exhibit them in front of their places several days before they are cut up into steaks or soup.

Turtle soup is one of the principal dishes of a course of turtle, and is made in different ways, according to the skill and ideas of the cuisiniers. There are a few places in this City which have obtained a great reputation for the superior manner in which they get up turtle soup and steaks, and they receive a large amount of patronage from the gourmands and bon-vivants of New-York.

Prof. Blot, in his book on cookery, gives an excellent recipe for making turtle soup, but it will require considerable skill on the part of the maker, unless he or she is well versed in the art, to form the dish as it should be. The recipe is as follows: Cut the turtle in small dice, throw it in boiling water for two or three minutes and drain, put it in a stew-pan with onions and ham, also cut in dice, season with thyme, parsley, bay-leaf, salt, pepper, and a wine-glass of Madeira wine, or of good brandy; wet with *Espagnole*, sauce or with *consommé*, set on a good fire, boil about half an hour; ten minutes before taking from the fire, chop the eggs of the turtle, these having boiled them, and put them in a stew-pan; if the turtle has none, chop and use hard-boiled eggs instead. When done throw away parsley, thyme and bay-leaf, turn into bowls, and add a little chopped chervil, and a quarter of a rind of lemon also chopped. Serve warm. Soup is made of terrapins, and the soft-shell variety of tortoises, also. In the cities of the Southern States bordering on the Gulf of Mexico the flesh of chicken and salt-water terrapins is much esteemed, but it is not near so delicate as that of the green turtle. In making soup for party or club dinners a turtle weighing 150 pounds is taken, cut in pieces and boiled together with the shell for twelve or fourteen hours, during which it must be continually stirred. About one hour before the soup is done the condiments or seasoning are put in.

Broadway prices for turtle soup and steaks are fifty cents for the former and seventy-five cents for the latter, but they can be obtained cheaper at the restaurants in the neighborhood of that thoroughfare, where more moderate rates are charged. At the markets they sell at the rate of twenty-two cents a pound alive, and the shell included in the weight. In London a good-sized turtle can be obtained for about ten shillings. The flesh of the turtle is often very valuable in a medicinal point of view, and often becomes an absolute necessity on board ships when the sailors have been forced to eat salt provisions until their system has become so affected that scurvy sets in, and it is only by a change of diet from salt to fresh meat that it can be eradicated.

The limits of this article have prevented a description of a large variety of turtles which are very interesting, but which are not used as food, and many stories and anecdotes might be mentioned of the traits of the various kinds. Marvelous stories have been told of the great tenacity of life the turtle exhibits under mutilation and deprivation of food. Their heads have been known to live for several hours after they were severed from the body, and the headless body will crawl on the ground for some time before its vitality is extinguished. The detached head will bite for an hour afterward, and often inflicts a serious wound. A gentleman residing in one of the islands of the West Indies, who was a confirmed skeptic on this point, caught a large turtle and invited his friends to a dinner. To show that these stories were without foundation, he requested his guests to step into the yard where the head of the large turtle was lying, apparently lifeless, with the mouth wide open. Taking a straw he put it in its mouth, but no movement was made; then, with a great show of skepticism, he thrust his forefinger in as far as he could reach, but to his surprise and dismay the mouth closed with a snap, holding his finger with a vice-like grip, and it was only by the aid of a red-hot poker that it could be disengaged. The flesh was badly lacerated, and required a great deal of care before it healed; but it served as a capital exemplification of the muscular vitality of a decapitated turtle head.

Salmon Fisheries of Oregon.

An interesting letter from Portland, Oregon, to the San Francisco *Bulletin* gives much information respecting the Salmon fisheries of the Columbia River. We quote the following figures:

"The number of salmon taken in the Columbia this season (from the 1st of April to the end of July) for canning purposes, was 170,000, weighing, when dressed, 2,700,000 pounds, making 56,250 boxes of 48 pounds each, and worth in the wholesale market $562,500. The number of salmon taken by the five curing establishments, and the considerable number of small curing establishments of mess salmon on the Columbia, is 162,500, weighing, when dressed, 2,600,000, making 13,000 barrels of 200 pounds each, and worth at the average price of the last two years $117,000. This makes the total number of salmon taken in four months—the spring season—in the Lower Columbia, for canning and curing purposes, 332,500, weighing 5,300,000 pounds, and worth $649,000. This does not take into account the large number of salmon sent to the different markets on the coast for sale fresh."

The Collins Homicide.

An inquest was held by Coroner Keenan yesterday, in the case of Patrick Brandt, whose death resulted from injuries received by being struck in the neck with a pitcher by Timothy Collins during a fracas on the 29th ult. It appears that Collins was coming out of a grocery store with a pitcher containing beer in his hand. He was met by Brandt, who wanted to take a drink of the beer, to which Collins objected. A scuffle ensued, during which the pitcher was broken, and Collins, who was intoxicated, struck Brandt with his broken portion of the pitcher, causing the injuries which resulted in death a few days ago at Bellevue Hospital. Several persons who witnessed the occurrence were examined, and upon the testimony given the jury rendered a verdict against Collins, and he was committed to the Tombs to await the action of the Grand Jury.

AUBURN SEMINARY.

I had rather have been anything than the steward on board the Harwich-Rotterdam boat the night we crossed. He was a small, harassed-looking individual, with unhealthy pink cheeks and hurried, unfinished manner. The steamer (why they always make these short-passage steamers as small instead of as large as possible, I never could understand) was packed like a cattle-van—most of the passengers on the cabin floor. It rained miserably all the way, and was very rough. My bed was a restless sofa-cushion in the extreme stern. I trust I may not again hear such sounds as broke upon that sleepless night. Such unholy coughs, such gustily sneezes, such blood-curdling rattlings in the throat! Amid it all toiled indefatigably the pink-cheeked little steward, picking his way with deft rapidity, bearing grisly burdens, answering insane questions. I wonder what he gets for it all! Precious little, I fancy; and I solemnly believe I was the only individual on board who gave him a shilling to insure attention at supper. He brought me the best cut of beef, and the choicest bottle of ale; and had I been sick, would no doubt have cared for me like a brother, and all because of a shilling. He must have been originally a good man, but his experience would subvert the profoundest faith in human nature. I remember, in morning watch, in a thick fog, the steamer stalked up.

"Hello, steward!" (He was hard at work, coming and going, all the time.) "What are we stopping for?" "Take soundings, Sir." "Take what?" "Soundings, Sir." "What sound?" "Find depth of the water, Sir." "Oh! Are we on the bar?" "We don't know, Sir." "Is land in sight?" "No, Sir." "Where are we?" "Don't know, Sir." "When we're over the bar we shall be near the river, shan't we?" "We shall be in it when we're over the bar, Sir," &c., &c., and all over again, de capo. It was just the same way down in the ladies' cabin. All were sick, unmanageable and plaintively interrogative, and Hypatia told me that when she presented some scraps of silver to the respectable and elderly stewardess, that lady confided to her that not one of the Gorgons and harpies who had made her their victims during the night had remembered her with a single sixpence. These English and Germans leave their souls behind them on their travels, if at no other time.

Before going to bed I fell into conversation with a young English tourist of the second class—a sixth-form boy, I imagine. He was attired in an oil-cloth overcoat and small cap. His face was impudent, shallow and half-smiling. He accepted a cigar from me, and then ordered brandy and water, which we drank sitting on deck in the rain, partly protected by the smoke-stack and the Captain's bridge. "New-York," he admitted, "was a way in front of us"—meaning England, and it was astonishing how little he knew about the matter. He declined a second cigar, and, as we left the harbor and entered upon the open sea, disappeared hastily and indignantly down the companion-way.

An hour or so before our arrival at Rotterdam, while we were passing the low flat banks of Holland, interlaced with numberless canals, and characterized by wet wind-mills briskly swinging their broad arms, a boat appeared with a harsh-featured gentleman, in a lapped coat, and gold buttons, professionally severe of demeanor—the Custom-house officer. He climbed the ladder with a sharp and decided step, frowning mightily to the deck, no smile dared appear anywhere near him. He entered the cabin and sternly buried himself over some papers there; they absorbed and displeased he looked, and when spoken to, was short and snubby in his answers. The language he used was a rapid and incomprehensible mutilation of English. When the examination of the luggage began, many of the passengers approached this dignitary with a servile and obsequious manner, evidently supposing that to promote good feeling was half the battle. It was easy to see that the man was not deceived by this suavity, and yet I am inclined to think he liked it; and that the suave gentlemen profited quite as much by it as if it had been accepted as the genuine article. But he had a row with the Captain, a dauntless, imperturbable and quietly scornful English man, which showed him in quite another light. He hastened to and fro with rapid and feverish steps, talking sharply and overbearingly, evidently relying chiefly on bluster to gain his point—the moving of the luggage to a different part of the deck. "It must be moved here—it is my orders. No! I cannot have it there—that won't do me—here, I say!" It was no use; the Captain, leaning on his elbows over the railing of his bridge, smilingly omitted to give any orders; if he wanted it done, he must do it himself. He quieted down at last, and was more complaisant, not only to the Captain, but to every one else thereafter.

It is a dirty business, after all, this over-hauling trunks. Men ought not to be forced into it. They may talk about their "orders," poor fellows! but, depend upon it, they feel more or less ashamed of themselves. It must degrade their self-respect. An examining machine should be invented; a human being always appears like a highway robber, all the more offensive because legalized.

But now about the family life of these rigid officials? Have they families like common men? And home affections? For my part, I shouldn't be surprised if Mein Herr Officier came home after a hard day's work, tired, ashamed, harassed, and threw off his stiff coat, unbuttoned these tight brass buttons, and sank down into a chair. "Gretchen, dear wife, here come; so, a kiss! Little Johanna, where are, then, the old slippers? See, we have supper soon; it cooks already! And Hans, son, thou wilt bring my pipe, yes? Ha, now am I happy!" He becomes a homely, simple, fatherly, husbandly creature. The worry and empty dignity of office is laid aside. With a thankful heart sinks he or rises—to his true position among his fellows. What an arid, harsh, unsatisfactory, tiresome thing this office-holding is! How did kindly mankind ever come to endure it?

My brother-in-law, who is great at finding out people who speak English, had, almost before he came within speaking distance, made the acquaintance and secured the services of a communicative—a young gentleman of low stature, subservient demeanor and neat attire; manners rather cut after the pattern in the etiquette-book, than instilled by long familiarity with the best society. The Matron and Hypatia—very pale and weak and tractious—were assisted over the gang-plank, and into carriages, preceded and followed by the luggage, numberless porters, Simpson, the etiquette-book, and myself; and so we drove over a spotless brick pavement, along a canal filled with canal-boats and barges, with every once in a while an enormous windmill going up beyond the ken of the carriage windows. Everything in Rotterdam—the pavements, the sidewalks, the houses, the windmills, the walls—all are constructed with this yellow brick, about half the breadth of the American, and not so long, and it is washed so much as to look faded and bloodless; you feel uncomfortable; look around for a place to drop your cigar ashes, and don't find it; would like to wipe your feet, but see no place dirty enough. And the people are quite as bad; the lowest order of peasants are immaculate in their attire; clean linen, calico, and whatever else. I wish, by the way, I had the pencil of a Dow, wherewith to depict the head-dress of a Dutch frau; the long spiral autumn, of gold or brass, projecting far out beyond the temples; the metal cans, covering the lower part of the head, and carried forward to the ears; the indescribable bavolooks, steamers and antaphanas. And then everybody clatters upon enormous—enormous wooden shoes, eighteen inches long, some of them, and six or seven inches high, with peaked toes turning up, and instead of being blacked, they are whitened. I should like to see a Dutch boot black—boot-white, rather.

By this time we are arrived at the Hotel Leygraaf. A great deal of the character of a people seems to me to be contained in the names one sees written up on the signs in the street. The Dutch language is in a manner primitive; they don't stint their vowels, but let them string out as they will. "Stoombootvaart," arrested as upon landing. "Hout Laan" turns the corner of our hotel. When they have got started on one vowel, they make repeating it to hunting up a new one.

Our waiter was a man of character; something very different from the white sock-and respectability of our English friends. He was a Hollander, but not like the traditional one we see in pictures, setting on two chairs and half asleep over a pipe. This man was neither tall nor stout; his manner was quick and vehemently accented. Eyes always wide open, as if the lids were anxious to avoid the society of the pupil. He wore small whiskers, walked jerkily upright and dressed neither in the traditional swallow-tail nor historical short-jacket, but just as if he were an everyday man. He took a flattering interest in us, cross-examining us in a most searching manner, breaking unexpectedly into the room and conversation with loud and abrupt remarks upon foreign subjects. His medium of communication was a not wholly execrable lingo which he called English, and which was much better than another, which he told us was German. He began in one and glided into the other, except that he always addressed Hypatia in English, having formed an idea that she could understand nothing else. Hypatia, who, in reality, is the best linguist of the party, was very naturally indignant at this, and threw German at him at every opportunity; but he was not to be moved. He often came in with something to sell—a piece of soap, a bunch of cigars, a silver-plated cup; mentioned indifferently that a friend of his, a tradesman, had requested him to exhibit it; praised it in a disinterested manner, and then, with masterly inactivity, left it for us to reflect upon. He was a man of weight, evidently; a family man; in fact, he confided to me that during nine years of wedlock he had suffered from eight attacks of children, four of which, however, he had happily recovered from.

I am aware that this waiter will not take us across Germany. Where shall I put the description of the windmills, the dykes, the canals, the bridges, the dinners, (of twenty-two full courses,) the beautiful rural houses, the astonishing luxuriance of foliage, the big three-masted vessels appearing in the green midst of inland meadows? That waiter, with his eccentric manners, has pushed himself in front of it all—has stood in the way of his own native city.

"The best thing we can do," said the matron, looking over her spectacles, "will be to go straight direct to Dresden. Now, mark my words." BELLEROPHON.

MILITARY GOSSIP.

The Twenty-second Regiment N. G. have had another day's rifle practice at their regimental range, Clifton, N. J. The assembly was at 8 o'clock A. M. at the armory, whence about 250 men marched to the Erie Depot via Twenty-third-street Ferry, where a special train was in waiting to convey them to the ground. The firing began about noon, four companies firing at the same time, and continued without cessation till 6 P. M. in the evening, when the men were marched back to the depot and returned to this City, arriving about 8 o'clock. The ranges were 100, 200 and 400 yards, three shots at each range per man. Some of the companies, however, had only time to fire one shot at the long range. This does not affect the merit of the scores much, for even had all fired equally, it could not have altered the positions of the respective companies. Lieut.-Col. Moore, of the Seventy-first Regiment N. G., and Col. Braine, of the Ninth Regiment N. G., were present during the day's proceedings. The following is the aggregate score of the best ten men in each company, and the highest individual scores. Drum-Major Strube, of the Staff Corps, made 21 points.

	Yards			
	100	200	400	Total.
Private Carmichael, K Company	9	7	5	21
Private Hicks, D Company	12	9	9	30
Corpl Owens, G Company	9	9	12	30
Private Johnston, C Company	9	7	7	23
Private Leslie, E Company	8	7	4	19
Corporal Phelps, E Company	11	8	9	28
Private Barr, A Company	10	10	6	26
Lieut. Horstall, I Company	10	4	6	24
Private Jordon, B Company	9	8	2	19
Total	100	64	60	224 points.

In consequence of the heat of the weather there appears to be a complete stagnation among the National Guard at present, and but little news of public interest can be gathered.

The Adjutants of the City regiments are requested to send to the editor of this department all general orders as soon as issued, and all news of interest.

The veterans of the war of 1812-'14 are to have a grand clam-and-military excursion and picnic on Monday, Aug. 26, to Myer's Grove, Staten Island. The steamer Northwind and two large barges are engaged for the occasion. As several of the regiments of National Guard and a large number of military men have promised their assistance, it is expected that the picnic will be a success. The Sixth Regiment National Guard Band is to be in attendance. One barge will leave the foot of Leroy-street at 9½ A. M., and the other from the foot of Broome-street, East River, at 7¼ A. M.

An artillery contest is announced to take place at Cape May, to-morrow, between the Keystone Battery, of Philadelphia, and Battery B, of Camden, N. J. The distance is to be one mile, and the target about twenty feet square. Each battery is to fire twelve shots, and to have the selection of two judges, the four to choose a referee. The contest is causing great excitement among the friends of both sides.

The rumored report of the resignation of so many officers belonging to the Ninth Regiment, N. G., is said to be premature, and hopes are entertained that Col. Braine will be able to retain them in the service.

The following is taken from an Albany paper, and speaks for itself: "It having been currently reported that Gen. Jones, Postmaster at New-York, was in possession of a fund that had been raised for the erection of a monument to the late Col. Ellsworth, the Secretary of the Forty-fourth Ellsworth Regiment Veteran Association, Mr. Charles H. Zeilman, communicated with the General on the subject, and received the following answer:

"POST-OFFICE, NEW-YORK, Aug. 16, 1872.

"*To Charles H. Zeilman, Albany, N. Y.*:

"DEAR SIR—In reply to your letter of the 8th inst., relative to funds subscribed toward the erection of a monument to Col. Ellsworth, Gen. Jones directs me to say that he knows nothing of the matter beyond the statements contained in the papers. The former Postmaster of this City, Mr. Kelly, may have had charge of moneys for the purpose mentioned, but if so, it does not appear that any trace of such fund as, or on account to the credit of such a fund appears on the books of this office, nor has any part of that fund ever been in Gen. Jones' hands.

"Very respectfully, &c.,

"DANIEL GANO GILLETTE, Secretary."

The annual "target shoot" of the National Guard, located in Rochester, N. Y., was announced to take place on Thursday last, at Avon, N. Y., and Gen. Clark issued an order for all his staff officers (of the Twenty-fifth Brigade) to be in attendance in fatigue uniform.

Adjutant George A. Boga, of the Fifty-fourth Regiment, N. G., has been elected Major of the Regiment, the choice apparently giving great satisfaction to the command.

Capt. Michael Beahan, formerly of the Eighth Regiment, New-Jersey Volunteers, and afterward Sergeant in the Newark Police, died in St. Michael's Hospital, Newark, on Sunday afternoon last, of brain fever, the result of wounds received while in the service of his country.

The seventh annual reunion of the Tenth Vermont Regimental Association will be held at the Van Ness House, Burlington, Vt., on Thursday, Sept. 5. The business meeting will be held at Grand Army Republic Hall at 6 P. M., and the dinner will take place at 9 o'clock. The arrangements are under the charge of the Executive Committee, consisting of W. W. Henry, A. W. Fuller and Geo. F. Skiff.

At a recent meeting of the Ellsworth Zouaves, held at their headquarters, the Republican, of Madison-street and Fifth-avenue, Chicago, Ill., the following officers were elected: First Lieutenant, J. C. Cockrun; Second Lieutenant, J. B. Fonteiroy; Orderly Sergeant, H. B. Maxwell; Treasurer, C. J. Thorp. After some items of business of no public interest were attended to, the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, Color Sergt. G. C. Hayman, on the 9th of October, 1871, at great personal peril, saved the colors of the Ellsworth Zouaves from destruction by the great conflagration in which the greater portion of the City of Chicago was destroyed; therefore be it

Resolved, That the heroism of Sergt. Hayman deserves our most sincere thanks, and, as a token of our appreciation of his services, that the President of the Company be requested to present him with a belt at the expense of the company, and that the Secretary cause a copy hereof to be engrossed and carry the same to Sergt. Hayman.

Statistics for the Week.

Seventeen hundred and eighty-four arrests were made by the Police last week.

During last week there were reported 123 deaths, 40 births and 163 marriages, showing an increase of 107 over the deaths of the preceding week. There but 4 deaths from small-pox, and only 2 cases of that disease reported during the week.

Fire-Marshal McSpedon reports 29 fires for the week ending at noon, yesterday. The estimated loss is $9,840. Amount of insurance, $21,900. The principal causes of the fires were as follows: Carelessness, 6; children playing with fire, 1; explosion of chemicals, 1; gas-pipes leaking, 2; Kerosene lamps, 2; mudsucks ignited, 1; spontaneous combustion, 2; superheated steam, 1.

A BOND ROBBERY.

Clever Arrests by the Detectives—The Notorious Spence Pettus in Custody—Recovery of the Bonds.

Some weeks ago an adroit sneak thief entered the office of R. J. Baldwin, cashier of the First National bank, at Minneapolis, Minn., and walked off with $18,000 worth of the St. Paul and Pacific Railroad real estate and loan bonds, and $2,000 in seven per cent. bonds of the City of Minneapolis, with which he made good his escape. All the subsequent efforts to trace the thief and the bonds proved futile, until on the 15th inst. Mr. Baldwin learned through a banking firm in Minneapolis that a number of bonds of the same description as those stolen, and of the same amount, viz., $18,000, had been offered for sale to the firm of Morrill, Tilney & Co., brokers, of No. 11 Wall-street, in this City. Convinced that these were the identical bonds stolen from the bank, Mr. Baldwin telegraphed to Mr. J. L. Worth, Cashier of the National Park Bank, of this City, requesting him to use his best endeavors to obtain possession of the bonds and secure the arrest of the parties who were offering them for sale. In the absence of Mr. Worth, who was out of town, Mr. Wm. E. Kitchen, the President of the bank, took prompt action in the matter. He at once sent for Capt. Thomas Sampson, the well-known Wall-street detective, and placed the matter in his hands. Capt. Sampson went to the office of Morrill, Tilney & Co. and inquired if they were negotiating for the purchase of $18,000 in St. Paul and Pacific Railroad bonds, and received an affirmative reply. He was also informed that the bonds had been offered for sale at their establishment, and they had offered sixty for them, but Jay Cooke had offered sixty-one, and a broker named Jessup had offered sixty-one and a half. Sampson, who pretended that he was very anxious to purchase the bonds as an investment, said he would give 62, and desired to see the bonds. In compliance with his request, Mr. Dougherty, one of the attaches of Messrs. Morrill, Tilney & Co., went with him to the office of Messrs. Aufenger & Eurenreich, brokers, at No. 23 Pine-street, and an interview with Mr. Cady Aufenger, who stated that the bonds had been placed in his hands by Dr. Andrew J. Park, a railroad contractor, at No. 52 Broadway, for sale. Sampson said that he was anxious to invest, and asked to see the bonds. Two of the bonds, of the denomination of $250 and $500 each, were shown him, and he became satisfied that these were the bonds he was in search of. He, therefore, with a view of obtaining possession of all the bonds, took Mr. Aufenger into his confidence, told him who he was and what he was looking for, and Mr. Aufenger cheerfully volunteered to give the detective all the assistance in his power. It was agreed between them that the whole of the bonds should be in Aufenger's possession at 3 o'clock on Friday afternoon, at which time Sampson called on Mr. Aufenger and took possession of the bonds—to the amount of $18,000. He immediately telegraphed to Mr. Baldwin, the cashier of the Minneapolis Bank, that he had possession of the bonds, and asking for the numbers of the stolen bonds, so that they might be identified. He received an answer that the numbers would be sent on as soon as they could be obtained, and in the meantime he was requested to hold on to the bonds, and they would send for the proof. On receiving this answer, Sampson placed the bonds in the hands of Mr. Smith, President of the Board of Police, for safe keeping.

Having secured the bonds, steps were taken to capture those concerned in placing them upon the market. Yesterday morning, Capt. Sampson paid a visit to

The New-York Times.

NEW-YORK, SUNDAY, AUG. 18, 1872.

REGULAR REPUBLICAN NOMINATIONS.

FOR PRESIDENT,

ULYSSES S. GRANT,

OF ILLINOIS.

FOR VICE-PRESIDENT,

HENRY WILSON,

OF MASSACHUSETTS.

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The startling regularity with which the death-rate of New-York City follows the changes of the thermometer, furnishes a very forcible comment upon the overcrowded condition of the dwellings of the poor, and demonstrates the necessity for some radical reform in this matter. Last week the mean temperature of the City rose from 72.9°—that of the preceding week—to 79.3°, while the number of deaths rose from 645 to 759. That is to say, an average rise of seven degrees in the temperature at this season, means a rise from a mortality of 34.3 per 1,000 per annum, to a mortality of 40 per 1,000. It is not a very comfortable reflection to bear in mind that every degree which the thermometer records above the mean temperature of 70°, costs in one week the lives of fifteen persons. It is only, however, by keeping such facts in view that we can adequately realize how much remains to be done in this City to fulfill the most ordinary requirements of public health.

The twelfth of the series of picnics provided for by the Children's Fund came off yesterday. Eight hundred and thirty-eight children, collected by our deputy superintendents from a section of up-town shanties and tenements, were taken to Oriental Grove, and were treated to a day of healthy and whole-hearted enjoyment. The work of sick relief is being prosecuted with an amount of systematic activity which is producing the most salutary results. We believe that we are within the mark in stating that sixty per cent. of the large death-rate of last week is due to the deaths of children under five years of age. It will be seen that the field open to our corps of visitors and physicians is still a very extensive one. The heightened temperature makes a new demand upon the resources of the charity which we have undertaken to administer, and we shall see that all possible efforts are made to alleviate the increasing cases of distress among the children of the poor.

The Professor of Journalism has found a new epithet to apply to people who refuse to sit still and allow themselves to be lied about in the paper which he is supposed to direct. Gen. BARLOW is accused of "gross discourtesy" because he ventured to say that the *Tribune* had published statements about the Ring suits being compromised, without taking any notice of his emphatic denial of these statements, which was then in the possession of the *Tribune*. The way in which FENTON's pupil tries to wriggle out of the plain issue of fact to which Gen. BARLOW has pinned him may be studied with advantage by all little boys who have already mastered the Professor's Ethics of Journalism. The *Tribune* reporter was sent, it appears, to inquire of Gen. BARLOW about the alleged compromise of the Sweeny suits. We have the word of the Attorney-General for it that he told this person precisely what he communicated to the TIMES of Friday, viz.: that there would be no compromise or withdrawal of any of the suits during his term of office. Assuming that the *Tribune* man was not an absolute idiot, he doubtless told what he had learned. Yet, after deliberately suppressing information that would have interfered with certain sneaking insinuations which it was thought desirable to publish, FENTON's young man has the marvelous impudence to ask the public to believe him in preference to Gen. BARLOW, and continues to talk as glibly about truth and fairness as if he had not long forgotten the meaning of either.

If Superintendent KELSO can spare the time from his arduous political labors, he might profitably employ himself in devising some means for preserving the decency, to say nothing of the morality of the City, by abolishing the concert saloons which now disgrace Broadway. We are aware of the claim that the law is powerless to close these moral cess-pools, but we are also aware that by proper Police supervision they can be made less obtrusive and dangerous than they are. So long as they are permitted to blazon their iniquity as they do and have done for months past, the Police Superintendent must rest under grave suspicion. Lesser evils of the same character have been abated by the same legal machinery which could be used against these, and Mr. KELSO must not plead defective laws for allowing our most public thoroughfare to disgrace us in this way.

The trial by impeachment of GEORGE G. BARNARD was opened on July 17 and will certainly not close before Aug. 19. The strength of the case which has been presented against BARNARD has been generally admitted, and the ability with which counsel for the prosecution have marshaled all the points of a highly-complicated mass of evidence in one clear and comprehensive indictment against the unjust Judge, has at once added to their professional distinction, and earned for them a lasting claim upon public gratitude. It would be esteemed a highly-unsatisfactory termination of this protracted and momentous trial, if BARNARD were merely to be removed. Unlike the English practice, our law allows no penal consequences to follow a trial by impeachment, but it is of the very essence of such an ordeal that the man who is found guilty by it should be forever deprived of the chance of again betraying the highest trust which his fellow-citizens can confide to him. Disqualification is the natural accompaniment of removal in a case like this, and, after that, it is for those whom BARNARD has wronged, in purse or person, to apply to the criminal Courts for his appropriate punishment.

What Would a Democratic Victory Mean?

We pointed out recently the fact that if a Democratic victory were in itself a dangerous thing, the country could not hope to be protected from its consequences by the fact that the Senate was now Republican. It would seem almost useless to notice a plea so ridiculous as the one here answered. It amounts to this, that it is only safe to give Democrats power when they cannot use it, which suggests the question, why give them power at all? If a Republican Senate must be kept as a safeguard against a Democratic President, why not make the safeguard perfect by omitting the election of a Democrat to the Presidency?

In point of fact, if the Democratic Party can win the Presidency this year, the Congressional majority will soon follow. It is of the essence of a republican form of government that when the people deliberately adopt the candidates and policy of a national party at an election for a national Executive, it will trust the same party in the Legislature also. Parties, in truth, are not individuals appealing to an impartial body of judges. They may seem so, and many of our customs and phrases support the illusion, but a party which can elect a President by any considerable majority is, for the time being, the people, and can just as readily elect its candidates in the representative branches. There are some checks in the case of the Senate, but they are too slight to resist or modify a real change in the popular sentiment.

When the people decide between the two parties at the approaching election, it will not be a halting or partial decision. They will not determine to cut up the Government and give one portion to the Democrats and another to the Republicans. They will decide either to retain the present ruling party in substantial possession of the whole Government, or to give it over to the Democrats. Nor will they be deceived into making a decision in favor of the Democrats by the flimsy plea, put forward by Mr. GREELEY, that they are no longer Democrats, but a newly-discovered and perfectly harmless species of Republicans. If the people propose to trust the Republicans with the Government, they will give it to those concerning whose identity there is no question, and whose policy can be distinctly placed from definite achievements in the past. On the other hand, if the people make up their minds to join the Democrats, it will not be because Democrats are masquerading in Republican costumes, but because the people really want done what the Democrats are believed ready to do—that is, to stop the work of progress, and bring things back as nearly as possible to where they were under the "white man's Government."

What we must consider, then, in endeavoring to come to a conclusion as to which party ought to rule, is the object which the controlling portion of each party really desires. If, for instance, the Republican Party desires to make the rights of an American citizen the same in theory and practice in Mississippi as in Massachusetts, then that end will be served by a vote for the Republican Party, and the fact that the Constitution does not specify the exact means by which it shall be reached, will make no difference. On the contrary, if the Democratic Party is actually willing to see the negroes remanded to the practical control of their old masters, if it is willing to see the votes of blacks made of no value, or subjected to the dictation of the whites, a vote for Democracy will serve that end, and it will make very little difference that equal suffrage is sustained by the Constitution. The same statements are true concerning pensions to rebel soldiers and compensation for slave property. The mere letter of the Constitution could not withstand the settled purpose of a great party, if placed and continued in possession of the Government.

All this petty shuffling about the degree of mischief of which the Democratic Party would be capable, if conceit were firmly lodged at Washington, is but another illustration of the essentially dangerous character of that Party. The leaders of it, and especially its journalists, are quite conscious that the people justly distrust it. If they felt that they had a sound policy to enforce, and safe and wholesome principles to apply, is it supposable that they would continually fall into the deprecatory and apologetic tone they adopt? The truth is that nearly all which Democrats honestly and earnestly believe, is obnoxious to the American people, and the life of their advocates is necessarily spent in trying to make the people think that the objectionable opinions have been abandoned. But the people are not readily deceived on such points. The Democrats have not in times past done so little, or done it so secretly that their deeds and motives are not now known of all men.

"The Reform Campaign."

The Greeley party claims to be the party of reform. Will some of its organs explain what reforms the party expects to undertake, if it should turn out to be in the majority? It talks bravely of civil service reform, but who are its reformers? Are they FENTON and JOHN COCHRANE, or the Tammany leaders? Is Mr. GREELEY himself among them? If so, will they point out what practical measures for removing or preventing abuses these gentlemen have originated or conspicuously advocated? Mr. FENTON, it is true, is the author of a bill to abolish moieties to informers in the Customs and internal revenue service. It is an excellent idea, but it is not Mr. FENTON's. The Senator borrowed it from the President's Message, and having taken possession of the subject in the Senate by producing his bill, dropped it, and could never be induced to press it. Perhaps when it had given him the opportunity of airing his secretary's eloquence on political matters, he thought it had served its full purpose.

Mr. GREELEY has just one idea as to civil service reform—it is that a President should serve but one term. This is a crude and superficial notion, like most of Mr. GREELEY's. It barely touches the outside of the difficulty, and aims only at that portion of the evils of the service which spring from a President's efforts to get himself re-elected. But these bear no proportion to those which flow from the generalities that offices are party property, to be distributed among party leaders and party followers. Evils from this source, it is easy to see, are permanent, and continue to increase whether the President aims at re-election or not. Ambitious persons like J. F. BAILEY, for instance, would always be using their influence over impressible politicians like Mr. GREELEY, to get a chance to plunder the Treasury, entirely independent of the purposes of the Executive; and such knaves, also, could always make combinations with other knaves, like FENTON, solely with reference to each other's schemes, and without any connection, direct or indirect, with the President. The one-term theory, therefore, is insufficient. It is one of the peculiarities of Mr. GREELEY to fix his intellect on one idea, and to make up by the intensity of his contemplation for the insignificance of the idea itself. But this trait, however well it may fit him for solving the mysteries of turnip raising, or the more elevated question of the degree of crossing admissible for the breed of short-horn cows, does not constitute him a competent guide in the reform of our civil service.

But perhaps we shall be told that the reliance of the new party in its promised work of reform is upon its Democratic members. We admit they have one qualification for the work in a degree unattainable by others. They know all the abuses of which political patronage is susceptible, and can tell, with unerring instinct, whether a proposed measure is likely to be effective. But here the qualifications of the Democratic Party for the task of reform come to an abrupt end. The party has not the remotest desire to see reform accomplished. Every idea it entertains on the subject is in mortal conflict with the idea of reform. It believes in patronage, and believes in it with a fervor and frankness never equaled by any other political organization. To expect it to originate, or even to acquiesce in, a genuine reform of the civil service, would be to ask it to commit suicide—not merely to surrender its consistency, the things it is pleased to call its principles, but to part with the only inducement strong enough to make it act.

What, then, is the basis of the hubbub about reform which the Greeley organs are continually keeping up? It has no basis. It is simply a piece of political humbug. Seeing that the work of real reform, as carried on in New-York a year ago, was responded to with unparalleled popular enthusiasm, the leaders in the Greeley movement undertook to make the people believe that they were going to do a similar work for the National Government. But they did all they could to discourage the real reform movement we were carrying on last year. At first, some excellent persons were deceived, and the Cincinnati Convention was looked forward to with sincere hope that it would unite all honest men in a combination to aid in practical reform. But those who were deceived at first are so no longer. They see that they were mistaken, but they refuse to be duped, and there are among the opponents of Mr. GREELEY few so vigorous, persistent, and effective as those who expected from the Cincinnati Convention the inauguration of genuine reform. The Greeley party is at once incapable of performing that task, and unable to make the people believe in its intention of performing it.

Trying to Convert Beecher.

For a fresh convert to Greeleyism, we submit that the *World* displays a zeal that ought to entitle it to a high rank among the missionaries of the new faith. It is scarcely four weeks since that paper was devoting all its energies to prove that Mr. GREELEY was the most unfit man in the country to be President, that no sensible man of any party could support him for that office, and that for the Democratic Party to adopt him as its candidate would be in the last degree preposterous and suicidal. Now it has gone into the business of making proselytes for GREELEY, and yesterday it devoted a column and a half to the task of trying to make a convert of HENRY WARD BEECHER. "There is no man in the country" it flatteringly observes, "whom it would give us more pleasure to persuade over to the Greeley side than HENRY WARD BEECHER"—to all which Mr. BEECHER might fitly reply, "There is no newspaper in the country whose persuasions are so little entitled to respect as the *World*."

Mr. BEECHER is a Christian, and doubtless has a forgiving disposition, but at the same time he has a memory, and he cannot have forgotten the treatment he used to receive from the sheet that now has the assurance to advise him with regard to his political duties. For a long time previous to the war, and all along during the war, while Mr. BEECHER was advocating the cause of freedom, or upholding the integrity of his country against the assaults of armed treason, there was no abuse too foul to be hurled at him through the columns of the *World*. He was denounced as a "political preacher," a "pulpit mountebank," a "star actor" in the "Plymouth theatre," an "apostle of the religion of Sharpe's rifles," and a multitude of other opprobious names. It is not at all strange that a man who, only a short time ago, was bespattered after this fashion by the entire Democratic Press of the country, should have some lingering doubts of the sincerity of the party in its sudden espousal of the principles which they were wont to abuse him for advocating. It is this lack of faith in the sincerity of the new professions of the Democratic Party in favor of "equal rights for all men without distinction of color," that restrains Mr. BEECHER from joining the ranks of the "Liberal" Republican, Democratic, Ku-klux, Greeley coalition, and leads him to prefer the success of the party that first proclaimed the true faith and carried it out, through all obstacles, into successful practice. And it will take more than a column and a half of the *World's* flattery, we imagine, to persuade Mr. BEECHER to join the coalition or to convince him that the new-born zeal of the Democratic Party for old Republican principles is not an infamous sham.

A Possible Catastrophe.

Because PLANTAMOUR's comet proved a delusion and a disappointment, we are not therefore to conclude that the earth is a sort of iron-clad planet, impregnable not only to cometary missiles, but to every sort of astronomical disaster. We may concede that the scientific persons who tell us that a comet can be compressed into a tea-spoonful of jelly know whereof they speak, and that they are intimately acquainted with the exact dimensions of every erratic meteoric stone, and can demonstrate that the earth can endure uninjured any possible amount of meteoric cannonading. Still, there are dangers which remain after the uncomfortable character of comets and meteors has been established. Men of science have latterly devoted careful attention to the sun, and have from time to time published reports upon the condition of that luminary which may well create uneasiness as to the safety of the planets which he has so long held in strict subjection.

It has been established, if we may accept the authority of men who are eminent astronomers, that the earth is steadily losing its velocity, and as steadily drawing nearer to the sun. If the earth perseveres in this sort of conduct—and there is every reason to suppose that it will—we shall fall into the sun in about twenty-four millions of years from the present date. This inevitable catastrophe is too remote to effect the price of real estate at the present time, but there is another possible danger growing out of the irregularities of which the sun has lately given evidence, which may bring us much sooner to the end of all things earthly.

It has recently been held that the aurora borealis is intimately connected with peculiarities in the solar photosphere. Whenever the aurora is frequent and brilliant, the black patches, commonly called solar spots, are numerous and active in their changes. This fact would seem to establish a connection between these two phenomena. Within the past month we have had the most remarkable auroral displays that have occurred within the memory of the present generation, while it is a matter of general remark that within the last twenty years the aurora, which was formerly rarely visible in this latitude, has become yearly more and more frequent. If, therefore, there is the connection between the sun and the aurora which is now believed to exist, we are warranted in concluding that unusual solar disturbances have recently been and now are in progress.

It has moreover been fully established that the aurora is electrical in its character. During the week that has just passed not only has the aurora been almost nightly visible, but throughout the country we have had a series of thunder-storms unparalleled in the grandeur of their electrical features. If the aurora depends upon the condition of the sun, may we not reason that these remarkable displays of atmospheric electricity have also a connection with solar phenomena?

That the sun is actually undergoing a remarkable change in the constitution of its luminous envelope is asserted by several eminent European astronomers. Signor TACCHINI has just discovered by the spectroscope that an enormous quantity of magnesium has suddenly made its appearance in the photosphere. Now, we all know that burning magnesium produces the most intense heat and light. Will not this unparalleled presence of magnesium in the sun's photosphere greatly increase its heat? May not the excessive heat of the present Summer, as well as the auroral and electrical storms of the last few days, be due to this reckless throwing of magnesium into the sun's furnace?

One thing has been established beyond all question, and that is that a material change has taken place in the constitution of that part of the sun which is visible to us. It is only reasonable to suppose that this change will be perceptible to us in other ways than by the mere presence of new lines in the spectroscope. Suppose that the volume of solar magnesium continues to increase, and the solar heat increasing with it, converts the coming Winter into a tropical Summer; or suppose that the sun is about to share the fate of certain fixed stars, which have suddenly blazed with unusual brilliancy, and then vanished forever from sight. Either intense heat or inconceivable cold would result if one or the other of these suppositions were to prove correct. In either case, the earth would become untenable, and life on this planet would become extinct. The last man would then bewail the falseness of PLANTAMOUR, and grieve that he had not been smashed on the 13th of August, 1872, in company with the rest of his species, and in the enjoyment of a moderately-comfortable temperature.

While these contingencies are too remote to disturb the peace of mind of any but the idiots who went on their house-tops to watch the coming of PLANTAMOUR's comet, they nevertheless remind us of the fact that the sun may prove as dangerous to the earth as the boiler of a high-pressure steam-boat is to the bold voyager on the Mississippi. However new and strong the Mississippi boiler may be, the traveler cannot help feeling uneasy when he sees the engineer crowding barrels of resin into the furnaces, and in like manner it is suggestive of a possible catastrophe when we find the sun "firing up" with such an unusual material as magnesium.

McGregor's Bridge.

Among the many touching incidents in the early life of the Democratic candidate for the Presidency, with which the world has been favored through the medium of PARTON's biography and the *Recollections of a Busy Life*, there is none that will be read with more thrilling interest by his countrymen than the account recently given by Mr. GREELEY to the citizens of Manchester, N. H., of the time and manner of his first entrance into that town fifty-seven years ago. The "great and good HORACE" was then, if biographers tell us truly, only four years of age, and yet see how vividly that perilous adventure of his juvenile days still lingers in his memory!

"I first saw Manchester fifty-seven years ago, when a flood and running ice in the Merrimack rendered it impassable at Reed's or Thornton's Ferry, and compelled my father to return with me from my grandfather's, in Londonderry, to our home in Amherst, to take a circuitous route in order to cross at this point by an old and rickety structure known as McGregor's Bridge."

The whole world has heard of the Bridge of Lodi, and read, with bated breath, the almost miraculous account of its passage by the first NAPOLEON amid a storm of grape and canister; but no American, we are sure, ever experienced in perusing that account anything like the emotions of anxiety and terror that will agitate his bosom on listening to the story of the passage of McGregor's Bridge by HORACE GREELEY. Supposing (fearful thought!) that the "old rickety structure, known as McGregor's Bridge," had tumbled down while the infantile HORACE was passing over! What would have been the consequences to the world, and especially to this American nation and people? It may be a weakness of the human mind, but it is nevertheless impossible to refrain from speculating upon the possible changes in the current of historic events that might have resulted from any untimely accident happening to the great men of the race in their childhood. There was the rushing tide of the Merrimack, with its field of floating ice, and possibly great logs of wood and stumps of trees; above the raging flood, suspended as it were between life and death, on that "rickety old structure known as McGregor's Bridge," was the young and tender HORACE, jogging along in unsuspecting innocence, dreaming of the paternal roof in Amherst, or, perchance, of his grandfather in Londonderry. Suppose the old rickety structure had just at that moment given away!

We forbear to harrow up the feelings of the reader by picturing the hopeless struggles of the infantile HORACE in the cold and icy torrent of the Merrimack; nor would we needlessly call to the minds of the present supporters of "H. G." for the Presidency the terrible plight they would now be in if the budding "philosopher" had then and there sank to rise no more. No man can tell, none can guess even, the consequences to the present generation of such a catastrophe occuring at McGregor's bridge fifty-seven years ago. We do know, however, that many things could not have happened as they have if the bridge had unfortunately caved in; and it may may not be irreverent or impious for us to mention some of them. In the first place, the farmers of this country could never have had the benefit of those masterly essays on agricultural science, and those practical precepts for tillers of the soil, that have emanated from the pen of Mr. GREELEY—precepts like the following, for instance, which a correspondent writes us he once received from "H. G.:"

"If you wish for an average crop of Sat-balls you must never put more than four potatoes in a hill with the dirt. But I would advise you, and all poor farmers like you, to go out West."

In the second place, the tailors and costume makers, to say nothing of the hat and boot manufacturers of this country, would never have been supplied with the latest and most approved patterns for their handiwork, nor been blessed with a perambulating advertisement of their wares. In the third place, the Irish patriots would never have won a great victory at Ballevragmmon, nor their countrymen in America have been permitted the pleasure of intrusting their charitable contributions to the hands of a professional philanthropist. In the fourth place, the rebels in the late war would not have had an active sympathizer and abettor of their plots in the person of a professed Republican. In the fifth place, Wm. M. TWEED would never have had an anti-smoker and chewer as partner in the tobacco business, nor the "Ring" an apologist in the *Tribune* Office. And lastly, the Democratic Party would never have had a candidate for President who could boast of never having voted a Democratic ticket, and of never having said a favorable word of any Democrat dead or alive.

These are a few of the things that never would have happened if McGregor's bridge had been a trifle more rickety than it was when Master GREELEY passed over it on his way from Londonderry to Amherst, fifty-seven years ago. In cogitating upon them, the mind becomes almost bewildered as the mysterious dispensations of Providence, and the heart of a "Liberal" Republican cannot but swell out with gratitude toward McGREGOR for thoughtfully driving in an extra nail when he built that rickety old bridge. But we do hope that "Uncle HORACE," in "swinging round the circle," will not give the world any more of these fearful reminiscences of his early life. They inevitably lead the minds of his countrymen into a melancholy train of thought, and make people nervous.

Queer Pets.

Human affections, when denied their proper and natural outlet, often settle on objects unnatural, and sometimes in the highest degree repulsive. Hardly a beast or reptile can be named, the most obnoxious to the ordinary taste of mankind, that has not been made a pet and plaything by some abnormal nature. A French consul found his chief delight in the contemplation of a tame toad; an American rival sought relaxation in the antics of a pet alligator. HAWTHORNE, in *Septimius Felton*, makes his old doctor rejoice in the constant companionship of a very ugly and venomous species of spider, and the instances in which snakes have been made pets, to be fondled even by the timorous hands of beauty assiduitily as Lesbia's sparrow, are too numerous to need mention. Of one fair serpent fancier, indeed, it is recorded that she was particularly fond of appearing at the opera with, in lieu of bracelets and necklace, three lovely little ophidians writhing round her neck and throat—a sort of boa that few of our gentle readers would greatly fancy.

Now, there is no law against any person following out, in the choice of a pet, whatever principles of unnatural selection may to him or her seem meet. But gentlemen who go into the business so extensively as to establish snakeries in their dwelling-houses, are fairly bound to keep their eccentric pleasures from overflowing into the domains of their less appreciative neighbors. Lately, in a quiet quarter of London, a naturalist, given to this kind of serpentine dissipation, created an uproar as great as if the mythical battle of Dorking had really been lost and won, and the invading forces were actually before the city. One of his favorites—a delightful little cobra of the kind whose bite is certain death in about a minute—took it into his poisonous head to indulge in a stroll one day, and meandered quietly into the adjoining premises. He was discovered by the hysterical chamber-maid peacefully reposing in the best bed. The effect of such a discovery on the nerves of the neighborhood may be imagined. Servants demanded their wages and characters at once. Agitated mothers hardly ventured to let their little ones out of sight; such a thing as going upstairs in the dark was not thought of, and the possible burglar under the bed was forgotten in the more pressing terrors of the probable snake. The unexplored district of the upper chambers became more appalling than an Indian jungle, and convivial young gentlemen found whole nests of reptiles in their boots.

Of course such a state of affairs could not long be endured, and the snake-lover was summoned into Court by his aggrieved neighbors and compelled to give bonds against a renewal of such unpleasant visits. Yet even that, we should imagine, would be but an unsatisfactory dependence against the sinuous cunning of the beast whose craft is so traditional and so fatal to our race. With the widest possible margin for personal freedom, and with every indulgence to individual taste, it may still be regarded as a question whether a man is to be encouraged in breeding cobras in his drawing-room, any more than in training mad dogs in his back-yard.

Personal.

Count Najac, of Paris; Judge E. C. Billings, and Hon. W. C. Vincent, of New-Orleans; Judge John A. Campbell, of Baltimore; Hon. Robert L. Pruyn, of Albany; Col. A. F. Mason, of New-Orleans, and Henry Wells, of Aurora, are at the Fifth-avenue Hotel. Mr. Borges, the Brazilian Minister, is at the Clarendon Hotel. Chief-Engineer W. H. Shock, of the United States Navy, and Hon. John O. Evans, of Washington, are at the Metropolitan. Chief-Justice W. B. Richards, of Toronto, Canada, is at the Westmoreland Hotel. Dr. Gunnell, of the United States Navy, is at the Albemarle Hotel. Gen. J. C. Olmstead, of Denver, Colorado, is at the Sturtevant House. Hon. William H. Seward, Jr., of Auburn; Hon. A. Meadcor, of Columbus, Miss., and Robert Hughes, Esq., of Chicago, are at the St. Nicholas Hotel. Col. John Walton, of Missouri, and Col. W. B. Hughes, of the United States Army, are at the Grand Central Hotel.

MISCELLANY OF AMUSEMENTS.

Our Home.

The dramatic season of the Fall and Winter of 1872-73 will be commenced this week, and, up and after to-morrow evening, amusement activity, reduced to a minimum during the past two months, will increase until the Winter holidays. The first of the opening performances will occur at Booth's, where the drama entitled "The Bells" will be acted to-morrow. The story of this piece—a highly-sensational one if we remember it—has already appeared in these columns. "The Bells," of course, is from the French, an adaptation of a play called "Le Juif Polonais," which was produced at the Ambigu Theatre, in Paris, after the successful production of the parent work, a tale by MM. Erckmann-Chatrian. Mr. James W. Wallack is to fill the principal part in the drama....Wednesday has been selected for the first representation of "King Carrot" at the Grand Opera-house. As in the case of "The Bells," the chief incidents of this piece have found their way before our readers. Enough has been said, therefore, to premise the public for a capital medium—for is no other light as we fancy "King Carrot" ought to be regarded—for the execution of much vivacious music, and the showing of scenery and dresses of rare magnificence. We are no more likely to be disappointed by the cast of "King Carrot" than by the stage-costume. Mrs. John Wood, Miss Rose Hersee and Miss Emma Howson; Mr. John Brougham and Mr. Stuart Robson are first among the lyric and dramatic artists, while the Mathews and the Laurs will lead the acrobatic forces, which, from all accounts, are to be especially prominent at important places in the action....Although some days are to elapse between this date and Sept. 9, when the Fifth-avenue Theatre will be opened, while the promise of the season is occupying us it may be well to refer to Mr. Daly's preparations for his campaign at this house. The substitution of comfortable armchairs for the box-seats, the improvisation of an exhibition of paintings in the vestibule and a liberal outlay for Wilton carpet have wrought some change in the appearance of the Grand Opera-house; but to the Fifth-avenue Theatre, the summer season has brought a still more changed aspect. The auditorium has been superbly frescoed by Signor Garibaldi. The old orchestra seats have been replaced by handsome chairs. The floors have been richly carpeted. Finally, the interior of the boxes has been adorned with crimson-satin hangings. A gorgeous picture, if a small one, may be anticipated on the opening night. The announcements concerning the performances are to the following effect: On Sept. 9 will be brought out "Diamonds," a new play by Mr. B. C. Howard, author of "Saratoga." At a later period will be given a new drama, by Dr. Mosenthal; an "American comedy," by Mr. Bret Harte, and a piece, "written to order," by M. Sardou. The company is thus composed: Mr. Charles Fisher, Mr. George Clark, Mr. James Lewis, Mr. W. Davidge, Mr. Louis James, Mr. W. J. Lemoyne, Mr. Henry Crisp, Mr. B. F. Ringgold, Mr. C. H. Rockwell, Mr. Owen Fawcett, Mr. G. H. Griffiths, Mr. G. F. Devere; Miss Fanny Davenport, Miss Clara Morris, Miss Fanny Morant, Mrs. G. H. Griffiths, Miss Linda Dietz, Miss Sara Jewett (her first appearance on any stage,) Miss Kate Claxton, Miss Mary Cary, Miss Nellie Mortimer, Miss Rose Denham, Miss Griffiths, Miss Roberts Burwood. The subsequent debut of Mrs. Caroline Abbott, heretofore a amateur, is also to be awaited. These notes have only to be supplemented by a mention of the appointment of Mr. H. B. Dodworth as leader of the orchestra, of Mr. John Moore as stage manager, of Mr. J. W. Morrissey as treasurer, and of Mr. J. H. Stoker as business manager....Affairs at Wallack's, at the Olympic and at Wood's Museum will not detain us long....."Blue Beard" is to be acted at the first-named theatre until further notice, and Mr. Lingard and his company will remain at the second throughout this week. At Wood's, Mr. F. S. Chanfrau will take to-morrow evening the role of *Robert Bruce*, in the perennial "Ticket-of-Leave Man."

Home News.

Mr. W. Macdonald, Signor Ferranti, Mr. G. W. Colby and Miss Ridgway gave an attractive concert, Monday, at Canonchet Hall, Narragansett Pier, R. I....The latest California papers report Miss Mehlig in San Francisco....On Thursday evening the first performance at McVicker's new theatre, in Chicago, occurred....Monday, the Chicago Globe Theatre will be opened as a "vaudeville house."....Mr. Edwin Adams is to act at Martin's Opera-house, in Albany, in the first week of September....Mrs. Waller will open the Griswold Opera-house, in Troy, on Sept. 11....Mr. G. L. Fox ended his engagement at the Boston Globe yesterday....Miss Leclercq will act at the Philadelphia Arch-street Theatre, on Sept. 16....Mr. L. R. Shewell will perform with Miss Maggie Mitchell this season....The Vokes Family was last week at the Walnut-street Theatre, in Philadelphia....Miss Charlotte Thompson played last week in "One Wife," at the Arch-street Theatre....Mr. John T. Ford, who controls the Opera-house and the Holliday-street Theatre in Baltimore prints a list of engagements for the season which will secure as much entertainment for his audiences as if they were part of the New-York public....Mr. W. Davidge, Jr., acted in St. Lawrence Hall, in Toronto, on Thursday....The Washington *Star* says: "Mr. John T. Ford, of renown throughout the country as a theatrical manager, and who has two great theatres in Baltimore, Ford's Grand Opera-house and the Holliday-street Theatre—has arranged fully with Mr. Thomas Berry, of this city, to have an elegant first-class modern opera-house erected on the site of Wall's Opera-house, destroyed by fire, and the large lot adjoining, lately purchased by Mr. Berry. The amphitheatre and stage will be all that taste and money can produce."....Mr. Charles Edward Horsley, an English organist and composer of marks, intends to visit this country during this season.

Foreign Gossip.

Mr. Max Strakosch and Miss Carlotta Patti sailed for New-York yesterday, aboard the Ville de Paris....Mr. J. C. Ryer sails for America on Aug. 22....M. Henri Thierry, a well-known French dramatic author, is dead....The London *Standard* thus speaks of Carafa, the composer, who has just departed this life: "One of the charms that smooth death which the poet seems to have overlooked when assigning its power is that of lengthening life. Mozart and Mendelssohn, it is true, died comparatively young; but the premature deaths of these composers are like to the exceptions that prove the rule. Handel breathed his last at seventy-five years of age, Cherubini at eighty-two, and Haydn at ninety-seven. That genial patriarch of the boulevards, Auber, fell asleep in his eighty-seventh year, having lived to see his beloved Paris in possession not of a rioting mob, but of a bombarded by its best friends. Carafa has been happier in his lines; he has just passed away in his ninety-fifth year, having survived to see the dawning promise of better fortune for the country under whose flag he had fought brightening the horizon. Carafa de Colobrano was the scion of a Prince, and was born at Naples in 1787. His youth was a stormy time for Italy; the devotee of the lyre had to buckle on the sword; but the French were in the full tide of military success then, and in 1809 Carafa was taken prisoner by them at Campo-Tenese, in Calabria. He seems to have recommended himself to his conquerors with singular Italian adaptability, for he became equerry to Murat, and accompanied him on his expedition to Sicily. He also attended the Duke subsequently in the expedition to Russia, and shared in the horrors of the disastrous retreat from Moscow. Two years subsequently an opera, by him, "Il Vascello," was produced at the Fondo Theatre in Naples; and in 1821 he brought out his "Jeanne d'Arc" at Paris, which thenceforth became the seat of his artistic triumphs. The deceased master was a pupil of Paisiello and Tenerani, and strongest testimony to his value—he was the friend and favorite of Rossini, who requested him to write the music for the ballet of one of his most famous operas"....A grand-son of Beethoven has just been sentenced, by default, to imprisonment and fine by a Munich tribunal on a charge of swindling....The London *Echo* says: "Miss Edith Challis, a well-known actress, in London and New-York, who married some time ago, a gentleman twenty-one years her senior, died suddenly at Ischl, in the Austrian Alps, on Tuesday last. Miss Challis was greatly astonished on learning that the old lady had remembered her in her will to the extent of £2,000 a year for life in consequence of this, she retired from the stage"....The Paris *Estoucel* newspaper announces the renewal of

[illegible] with a magnificent scene, and requiring only some lessons in Pantomime to make his debut in comic theatre. Lecoq, Lemaire and Ordonneux have concerted together to give to the Variétés a piece entitled "Le Fils de l'Homme Femme." The part of the young man will be taken by Lecoq. The parts will be distributed among Mesdames Legrand, Alice, Bernard, Suis, Schneider, Blanche d'Antigny, and Louise Leblanc. It is stated that the eldest daughter of Mme. Ristori, who is Countess Rasponi now, is about twenty years of age. The youngest is in Florence with her parents. Miss Bella Goodall will shortly reappear at the Strand Theatre in London.....Sir Michael Costa has left London for Naples, and was to arrive in November, after traveling Germany.... The London *Echo* says: "Certain Shakespearian devotees have been lately doing work at Stratford-on-Avon which deserves a newspaper record. The poet's garden in New-place is opened to the public, and to the pilgrims who go thither yearly. An orchard of the old-fashioned Shakespeare mulberries stands in the grounds, and the foundations of the house in which Shakespeare died, and which was stupidly pulled down years ago, have been so defined as to enable visitors to judge the form and size of the poet's last tenement. In one part of the ground there lately stood a dingy old theatre. This was purchased by Mr. Halliwell, and the building being removed, the site was given back to the garden, which it is now very much what it was when Shakespeare owned it. At one end of the garden is placed the beautiful unfinished, sculptured fountain, Alderman Boydell, for his gallery in Pall-mall, opposite Marlborough House, and which, perhaps, is well known in London. The dingy little theatre which Stratford had, being demolished, the question is now raised whether the place in which Shakespeare was born, and in which he died, shall remain without a house in which the creations of his genius may be represented. Mr. Charles Flower, of Stratford, has undertaken to purchase and give two acres of land within sight of the Stratford Church and on the banks of the Avon—the spot where Garrick's temporary theatre was erected—provided a sum of [illegible],000 can be raised to build the theatre, which is suggested that the lease of every theatre in Great Britain and America might give the proceeds of a special performance on Shakespeare's birthday, April 23, 1873.....Two more theatres in Paris have just closed temporarily, namely, the Ambigu and the Folies-Dramatiques. Both intend to open in September. The journals give a list of sixteen theatrical establishments now shut up.....Miss Lavinia Simmons, (better known as Miss Lavina,) died on the 30th of July, after a protracted illness. She made her first appearance at the Marylebone Theatre April 13, 1835, as Ariel in "The Tempest".....The London papers mentions that the Commissioners have not yet been able to find a successor to M. Gounod, as conductor of the Albert Hall Choral Society. The post is offered to Mr. Arthur Sullivan, who declined, and now Dr. Wesley, of Gloucester, a man immensely popular with the choir, has the refusal of it.....Mme. Patti is re-engaged by Mr. Gye for two years, at a salary of 200 guineas per night.....Mr. Anthony Trollope writes to the London *Daily Telegraph*, in reference to Mr. Charles Reade's letter in which he denies the statement of Mr. Trollope's that Mr. Charles Reade has appeared in your newspaper. The play was founded on a novel of mine called *Ralph the Heir*, and is stated on the play-bill to be the joint work of Mr. Reade and myself. Your critic, it seems, has read the play and not the novel. Mr. Reade has denied the accuracy of the charge with some warmth. Whether the accusation be just or unjust, I wish it to be known that I am in no way responsible for the play. By the last mail from hence I wrote a letter to the editor of the *Pall Mall Gazette*, to the same effect as this. But at that time I had only heard of the intention of Mr. Reade. I cannot now refrain from repeating my complaint. My name has been used without my sanction, and my plot adopted without my knowledge. Mr. Reade has told me by letter that he is legally entitled to do so he has done. It may be so. But it strikes me with surprise that a court here in Australia would have to decide on a play written in the London market, not only without any authority given by me, but without any suggestion as to such a partnership having ever been made to me. I think that one other article should appear in the *Times* to protect him from such usage at the hands of a brother. I think that "Pall Mall" would protect other men, any little interest which the play may have had will be unhesitatingly, but yet I trust, allow the disclaimer from which I write to hinder me from stating, as publicly as I can, that, as I claim no share in the dramatic merits of the piece, attached as I respectfully think, to the name, though it has been made, I have my name.....The Agatha Stakes sport, rowing United Seamanship at Australia and has been the hundred.

BASE-BALL.

The Championship—Games to Come and Postponement of the National-Athletic Match.

To the list of disbanded clubs is now added the Mansfields of Middletown, Conn., which a few days since dismissed its players and closed what had proved an unprofitable business. The dissolution of these clubs is easily accounted for when it is considered that, at the beginning of the year, there was considerable agitation in various quarters over the subject of base-ball clubs, and as a consequence three or four nines were placed in the field on limited capital. Under such circumstances there could be but one result, since the public, as a general thing, prefer reserving their time for a season of the most clear-cut kind.

The dissolution of the club in question is regarded by the stronger organizations rather in the light of a benefit than otherwise, since it obviates the necessity of many useless games, and affords opportunity for more frequent encounters between nines of equal strength, and in this way will quicken the public interest. At the present time of the number of championship clubs is as great as during any previous year, the three local nines—Mutual, Atlantic and Eckford—being together stronger than ever heretofore. The relative positions of the seven leading aspirants for the championship will be found in the following statement of the games played, won and lost by each:

Clubs.	Games played.	Won.	Lost.
Boston	24	22	2
Athletic	15	13	2
Mutual	31	21	10
Baltimore	25	13	12
Forest City	22	12	10
Atlantic	15	3	12
Eckford	11	1	10
Total	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

NOTES.

Between 3,000 and 4,000 persons went over to the Union Grounds yesterday, in anticipation of a game between the Mutuals and Athletics, but at the gate they were met with the announcement that the heavy rain of the previous day had rendered the ground unfit for play. The Mutuals were not at Athletic Park, as had been expected, the latter being notified of the postponement at an early hour.

The Mutuals play the Athletics at Philadelphia on Tuesday, 20 instant, and the Forest City at Cleveland, and it is probable that the Atlantics will play the reorganized Eckfords on the Union Ground.

The Mutual Club was defeated at the Capitol City yesterday by a game from the Times establishment, the score being 2 to 4. The game was closely played throughout on both sides.

On Saturday, Aug. 24, the Mutuals and Bostons play on the Union Ground.

Defeat of the Forest City by the Bostons.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Aug. 17.—A game of baseball was played today between the Boston and Forest City Clubs, which resulted in a score of 10 to 7 in favor of the Boston Club.

The President's Letter Declining the Chicago Nomination.

The following is the full text of President Grant's letter, declining the invitation to visit Chicago:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 16, 1872.

Hon. J. J. Bryan, Mayor of Chattanooga:

SIR: At the hands of Gov. L. Bard, I received the kind invitation of the Board of Mayor and Aldermen, and the Board of Trade, of the City of Chattanooga, for myself and Cabinet to visit your city and Lookout Mountain some time during the present Summer. I have delayed final answer to this invitation to consult with the Cabinet on the subject. I am compelled, most reluctantly, after this consultation, to inform you that it is not practicable for us to accept. I assure you, however, and through you the gentlemen to whom we are indebted for this invitation, that I, on my part, highly appreciate the compliment, because it is independent of political or party predilections at a time when party feeling runs high. I should enjoy a visit to Chattanooga under any ordinary circumstances, and particularly so as the guest of the citizens without respect to party. My desire is to see harmony, concord and prosperity first everywhere in our common country. When removed by a distance of my appreciation of the invitation to visit your city, I will add my best wishes for its future prosperity. I subscribe myself, very respectfully, your obedient servant,

U. S. GRANT.

Fire in Tennessee—Seizure of a Mail-road.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 17.—A fire broke out early this morning in Paine's cotton shed on Poplar-street, near Fourth, and extended to the Central Foundry, owned by Charles Gassnani. Both establishments were destroyed, together with a number of small frame houses occupied by negroes. The loss is $40,000, with very little insurance. The origin of the fire is unknown.

Gen. Smith, Surveyor of the Customs for this port, has seized a portion of the track of the Memphis and Little Rock Railroad for unpaid duties on rails, amounting to $10,000 gold, and is tearing up the unsolved plank which leads to the ferry-boat, and will bring the rails to this side.

SOMEBODY'S.

NUMBER TWO.

It is really entertaining, about 10 o'clock on a Monday morning—of course the morning must be a fine one—to take one's stand on the sidewalk in front of the entrance of that architecturally pretentious temple of speculation in Broad-street known as the Stock Exchange, and to mark the air of his different members as they pass in, at a time when stocks are rapidly rising or falling.

Number two had you observed that way at the same hour the day before, you would have exclaimed, "Poor deserted Wall-street! how you and unhappy Erie must enjoy your Sunday's rest!" Yes, you might have counted just three occupants of that notorious but, for this one day in the week, deserted thoroughfare—a boy at the bottom, yourself near the top, and a Chinese vizor and candy-vender at the corner. The strength and support of Wall-street were all at their city palaces or their country seats, enjoying their ease, feasting as possible pecuniary consequences, and troubling themselves little about the morrow. The rank and file too, and especially the curb-stone dealers, were at what they technically call their homes—their real homes are in Wall-street—inwardly gnawing with impatience, feverishly counting the hours which must necessarily elapse before Monday morning can arrive, and curse, to themselves, those exigencies of society which entail on them the forced idleness of Sunday—thinking how many dollars they might have made, how many unfortunates they might have ruined, but for this totally unnecessary deprival of opportunity. True, they went to church with their families; but, while there, they beseeched God by calculating the probable price of stocks at the opening of the Board next morning, by taking a mental inventory of the contents of their strong boxes, and praying to themselves that there might be sufficient in them to enable them to meet the next monthly settlement.

But there they all are on Monday morning; the business man, the banker, the broker, the speculator and the street-sharper, one and all ready for the fray, and many only too anxious for it to begin. All have narrowly scanned the morning journals for any item of news which may affect their interests, or on which it may be possible to speculate, any item which is favorable or adverse to their books; and you may easily perceive the result of the readings of the majority—whether they be bulls or bears on a falling market, short or long on a rising one—plainly written on their faces. Those who have to meet losses generally betray themselves either by an evidently forced hilarity or by a quiet, submissive bearing—often a downcast look and a nervous twitch of the mouth. Those who have made gains, on the other hand, cannot control a jauntiness of gait or conceal the affectedness of their good humor. The one class inquire as to prices in painfully anxious, often querulous tones; the other with voices full of confidence and ringing with the chink of dollars to the good which is already sounding in their ears.

But one places in who puzzles you; for you have not noticed the splendidly-appointed brougham which has just turned round on the corner, and is slowly wending its way up Nassau-street. His stride is stately, without being too commanding; his dress is the perfection of gentlemanly style, cut and neatness; his boots shine like a mirror. He has not yet removed his gloves or parted with his walking-cane. His expression of face is calm, even placid. His demeanor is easy, yet dignified. A young man, with some papers in his hand, half walks by his side, half follows him, nervous and uneasy—"only my clerk, Sir!" The curb-stone dealers make a lane for him to pass through; he bows slightly without looking at any one in particular. Well-to-do brokers step aside and obsequiously with him "good morning" at the foot of the staircase inside; he graciously replies, "Good morning, Sir," (no such familiarity as names, if you please!) and passes on. He enters the Board room, says a few patronizing words to the gentlemanly Vice-President of the Board, who is about to call the prices of stocks, deigns to whisper a word or two to a brother magnate, and then, turning on his heel, as though nothing there concerned him, descends the staircase with all the step and wave of the hand of a Louis Quatorze.

Gentlemen! This is somebody! He is one of the acknowledged heads of his particular branch of commercial business. His father occupied the same proud position before him. But he does not worship his father in relation to himself; he rather worships himself in relation to his father. But then, his father began life in a humble way, and even when he had attained to that scene of millionaire respectability—a tightly-buttoned frock coat and a white cravat—he would himself take an order for a few paltry mining shares, and was not above executing the order himself at the Stock Exchange. Even in later life he so far forgot himself as to descend from his high bankor's and broker's throne and accept the municipal office of Mayor of the Empire City of the United States. His son long ago tacitly accorded him a dignified forgiveness, in consideration of the old man's early associations and present wealth; but he never speaks of his father's public services in this line, and, having brought his children up in ignorance of them, has firmly determined that no persuasion shall tempt him so to lower *himself*. Still he is shrewd enough in one respect. He knows better than to altogether ignore his connection with the stock market. He knows that the rigid exaction of those three minutes' homage at the Stock Exchange from his interests of the financial world is essentially valuable to him. It is his first and last appearance for the day; but it is worth dollars and cents. It gives an enhancement to his credit, difficult of appraisement. It makes rich men go to him and ask, not his co-operation, but the use of his name, and the acceptance on his part of a share of the profits in some undertaking, a little heavy for them to carry, but sure and safe enough for any one. It makes small men go to him that they may be certain of disgorging the heavy load they can no longer carry, even if the sacrifice is made at rates two or three per cent below market prices. They are not admitted to his sanctum, and consequently do not see the quiet smile playing round his mouth as the confidential clerk places the check before him for signature. They do not know that he regards himself as some golden-fired luminary in which a certain number of speculative butterflies annually singe their wings. They retire, humbled by their misfortunes, but grateful to the man who has so nobly saved them from going from bad to worse—nay, to ruin and poverty. Above all, it brings into his coffers large sums "on deposit without interest." It is the magnet which draws rich railroad corporations to his banking-house when they want to raise funds for a new extension. It leads charitable institutions with large accumulations to make their investments on his advice and through his agency. It makes him President of leading banks and insurance offices. It makes him an acceptable contractor for Government loans. In fact, it makes him the lucky proprietor of a table where a mild legalized form of gambling is carried on in millions, and on which his croupier has enough to do to rake in all the grist which comes to the mill. This is, after all, the natural result of succeeding in impressing his own immediate world that he is somebody.

But he must support his character at home as well as in his banking-house. He records Madison-avenue as more aristocratic than Fifth, so he lives on Madison-avenue. His house was furnished from top to bottom by Banting, of London. He does not encumber his gallery with modern pictures. He is proud of his splendid collection of Etruscan enamels, and quietly tells his visitors that "that set of Henri Deux is the only one this side of the Atlantic. I believe Baron Lionel Rothschild, of London, possesses one nearly as perfect." They are, of course, overwhelmed. His wife's *soirees* are only open to the very *élite* of society. He dines but at a few houses, and always carries himself with extreme hauteur and formality when in company. His children have been instructed from their infancy up in the one lesson that their father is good, holy, and perfect. He rattlingly takes them to church, and ruthlessly sends them to Sunday-school. He never takes them in charge of the governess to see a Sunday afternoon concerts at the Academy of Music, when reserved seats are to be had in the first two or three rows. The same lady takes them to their daily, stately drive in the park. Of course they are never allowed to play.

If the cottage at Newport, or the mansion on the banks of the Hudson River need renovation, or a more than ordinary change of air is required, a trip to Europe is the only thing in order. Long Branch and Saratoga are, of course, out of the question. And then his letters are always directed to the care of the American Minister. He avoids the vulgarity of the Rhine sight-seers, and detests hob-nailed boots and Alpine climbers. They are so mixed. He must take a villa on Como or Maggiore. He would like to drink the waters, but his children must not breathe an atmosphere polluted by German gambling-houses. Some low fellow might see him at Baden or Homburg, and spread a report through Wall-street that he had been seen coming out of the *salons*. Such an one would be only too glad of the opportunity of vexing and annoying him.

He—somebody—knows the truth and appreciates the satire of those lines:

"Base envy withers at another's joy,
And hates that excellence it cannot reach,"

which Churchill wrote in his celebrated Epistle to William Hogarth, the painter. He knows that those denizens of Wall-street, whom he does not recognize, love to nod familiarly to him when he is driving in the Central Park. Did not an almost unknown broker once presume to take his arm in the afternoon on the strength of his having condescended to sell him some stock at a high price in the morning? Ah! and there was that insolent blackguard who bet $50 that he would dare to publicly slap him on the shoulder—and did so. And, oh heavens! he can never forget the dirty, shocking, hatless little bootblack who on one occasion asked him, as he was passing from his office to his carriage, to "have a shine for ten cents," and who, when he reproved him by a look, called after him: "Say, boss, if stocks is down I'll do the job for five!"

NOTES TO THE EDITOR.

Mr. Niles and His Constituents.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

My attention has been called to a letter from W. W. Niles, declaring himself for Greeley and Brown, which very much astonished the voters of this Assembly District. Only last Fall he was elected to office by good, sound Grant men, and I will venture to say that should Mr. Niles run this Fall for the same (or any other office) in this district, where he is better known, he will be elected for the stay-at-home term. Nine out of ten that gave him their votes before would rather vote for any other ass, next November. My opinion is that he cannot be elected to fill the lower seat in the County of Westchester. Mr. Greeley has but four supporters in the vicinity of Mr. Niles' residence, viz.: One shoemaker—who is now serving ten days in White Plains Jail—one Irishman, and the other keeps a gin-mill.

J. H. W.

FORDHAM, N. Y.

The Straight-Out Democrats.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The notice of the Democratic Conference held at the St. James Hotel yesterday, which appeared in the *World* to-day, is characteristic for its utter untruthfulness. The writer of the note came from Richmond to attend the Conference. Forty one gentlemen were present, and among them some of the most distinguished Democrats in the country, embracing representatives from Virginia to Connecticut inclusive. In addition to those present letters were received from three of the most eminent Democrats in Connecticut, regretting their inability to be present, but expressing their entire accord with the objects of the Conference. A resolution was unanimously passed to "support the Louisville Convention, and the several gentlemen present pledged themselves to go to work immediately to induce distinguished members of the Democratic Party in their respective States to attend the Convention. The names of those gentlemen will in due time appear publicly as a Committee of Organization, and no amount of misrepresentation, however persistently indulged in by the *World*, will be able to hide the work they will do. What the *World* says of the interview with Mr. Charles O'Conor is entirely in keeping with its other statements. Mr. O'Conor was reported as being in entire accord with the Louisville movement, and assurance were given that he would render it his earnest and active support. As to the alleged slimness of attendance, on which the *World* lays so much stress, I would state that every gentleman invited to the Conference was present except the three from Connecticut, to whom reference is made above.

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NEW-YORK, Saturday, Aug. 17, 1872.

How the People Look at It.

To the Editor of the New-York Times:

The Cincinnati nominee tells us in his Portland speech that "he never yet heard of a man who invited his neighbors to help him raise a house, and proceeded to kick them out of it as soon as the roof was fairly over his head."

That is just the way we look at it, Mr. Greeley. No one expects that you will discard the men who raise you to power. No one thinks that you will do anything else but give a grand house-warming, and invite all those by whose assistance the White House roof has been put over your head—if it ever should be, which God forbid! And a beautiful sight it would be for the eyes that have wept bitter tears over the dead, slain by the hands of your colleagues in the house-raising business. A noble prospect it would afford to the men who gave their arms or their legs on the battle-field to find themselves displaced and those who suffered the wounds invited to partake of your good cheer, while they hobble under. We haven't the slightest doubt, Mr. Greeley, that you mean just what you say. They know thoroughly well who the "neighbors" are whom you invite to your aid. They have met a good many of these "neighbors" before now, but they were under the rebel flag, Horace. They were doing their level best to tear down and nearly destroy the House which our fathers reared as an asylum to the oppressed of all nations; they were doing their utmost to make the American nation homeless, and now you want to join them, you welcome them to help you, Horace, to hand over to them the structure which was only saved from their ruthless hands by such a lavishing of the young life-blood of our land, such a holocaust of our fathers, and brothers, and sons as keeps the whole land in mourning to this hour. By and by, Horace, when these "friends" of yours, who are just as anxious to help you to this house-raising as you are to have them—a long sight too anxious, it seems to us—when these friends of yours have shown a little industry in obeying the laws, a little perseverance in good order, a little self-restraint in the matter of Kuklux societies; when they have developed some traits of respect for the ordinary customs of civilized and orderly life, we ourselves may consider their case; but not just yet. Children have not grown up yet to take the place of those we have lost; some of us who marched through your "friends" country are not grown gray yet, and memory is still quite vivid. We are not all disposed to be revengeful, we only want to be secure. We don't thirst for anybody's blood, we don't want to expatriate any of the men who, if they could have had their way, would have left us without a country; all we want—and we intend to have it, Horace—all we want is to keep sacrilegious hands off the ark of our liberties. There are good men enough, "Israelites, indeed, in whom there is no guile," to steady the ark, without calling in the Philistines. Your house will never be roofed, Horace, and there will be no broad as the warming. The stones hewn and the roof raised by the brawny arms of our revolutionary sires are good enough for us. Every nook and corner of the old house is dear to us; we have shed our blood to keep your "friends" from ransacking it; we have planted around it the glorious growths of enlarged liberty, of wide-spreading education, the climbing vines of commerce and the arts, and through our gardens and our old revered homestead we do not propose to let you lead your "friends" to trample under foot the work of years, and to destroy the home around which clusters the love of millions of loyal hearts.

JNO. E. ARRISON.

HUDSON CITY, N. J.

LONG BRANCH.

The French Brother Again—How the Entertainers Fare—The Time—Hotel Prospects—Incidents of a Wet Day—Bad Railroad Accommodations.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONG BRANCH, Friday, Aug. 16, 1872.

Long Branch no longer gasps. After a week of hard apprenticeship in the study of how to convert himself into a salamander, the sun has at last given us a respite. The temperature of the past few days has been a concentrated compound extract of furnace heat, of the kind which the profane California miner characterized as "h—l with the lid off." There is a great, glad, long warmth in the opening lines of the old ballad:

"I love the merry, merry sunshine,
It makes me happy as a king;"

but I am inclined to think that the author never knew what it was to swelter in a Long Branch hotel bed-room, with the thermometer standing at 80° in the shade, the glistening light on the sea enough to be a cure for a severe attack of ophthalmia, and the water absolutely refusing to answer the bell and furnish the ardently longed-for pitcher of ice water. He must have been born in a parallel farther than 40° north. Thunder-storms have swept around about three a day, but they have proved deceitful and desperately wicked, for the air, so far from being cooled by them, became as heated as a neapolitan sirocco the moment the wind-storm passed away. The thunder-storm market has, therefore, fallen to a heavy discount. Oh! now those brotherly-love gentlemen from the Quaker City did use naughty words as they mopped their perspiring foreheads with bandannas the size of a crib sheet! The rest of the male world vented and whetted their indignation against old Sol in the hotel bar-rooms with a vengeance.

But this morning, instead of a gush of broiled air, a fresh, briny breeze from over the sea greeted us all when we got out of bed—the first time for many mornings—on the right side. That breeze and the gray cloudy sky were as welcome as a legacy; and the tumble among the seething breakers was for once renovating and refreshing. So delightful was the change that even those owls—the hotel visitors—were drawn from their hiding-places, and thronged the sands, the bluff, and the hotel piazzas. As soon after breakfast as hygienic laws would permit, there was a rush for the bathing-houses. Never before, during this season, have I seen so many people on the shore and in the water. One thing strikes me here—the apparent fondness of the Jews for bathing. They bathe every day, and really bathe. No puddling up to the ankles in the water, but good headers under the biggest rollers. Who shall say after this that the Israelite loveth not water? Such an assertion is evidently one of those calumnious traditions which have come down to us from the dark ages, and which have been confirmed in the minds of young ladies by Shakespeare, Sir Walter Scott, and the elder Dumas.

The excursionists, too, were here in full force today, much to the disgust of the residents and visitors. The Philadelphia trains roll them out by hundreds, men and women, carrying their babies and their baskets of sandwiches, and those mysterious leather hand-bags, without which women seem unable to leave home even for a couple of hours. They all go straight for the sea, and make the echoes ring with their shrieks and laughter. And then they litter the bluff with crusts of bread, orange peels and peat rinds; while large greasy sheets of newspaper go flying on the breeze to vex the aristocratic spirits of the dwellers at the West End. But they don't care. They have come for a day's outing, and they eat their lunch after their own fashion, regardless of the prejudices of the exclusive ones. The daily average number of these pure excursionists is about eight hundred, but twice that number have often in one day invaded the sacred precincts of New-York's Brighton. The costume of a Pennsylvania provincial is magnificent as far as the men are concerned. It is impossible to answer the very natural mental inquiry, Where on earth do they have their clothes made? Every man gives one the idea that he has unwittingly changed clothes with his companion during the night. Each would have a perfect fit if they would only unwittingly change back again. He would then be *en regle* for the Long Branch season, which is just now at its culminating point. I fancy the hotel proprietors are doing well this season. Their houses are well filled, though there is not quite that *ton* about the guests for which Long Branch was celebrated some few years back. The hotels are certainly doing more business than they did last year; but not so much as in 1870, when Fisk and Helmbold drew crowds of acquaintances to the village by the mere force of pecuniary expenditure. Had these worthies had further opportunities, they would certainly have ruined Long Branch—body and soul—and turned it into a second-rate Margate. As it is, the Branch may be said to be in a state of convalescence, with every hope that the patient will fully recover his normal health and strength, and live for many years to come. To-morrow evening there is to be a grand ball at the Ocean House. Dinner parties, dances and croquet parties occur by dozens every day. In fact, to chronicle all the festivities and fashionable reunions, would, as the apostle intimated, require that many volumes should be written of them. Some village Homer may, perhaps, some future day recount in history the battle of the Long Branch hotel-keepers, and the many valiant deeds in love and war of the rank and file—their guests.

All things come to an end, and so, only too often, does an enjoyable day at the sea-side. Our invigorating sea breeze of the morning drooped like the waft of air from a punkha when the guiding hand of the Hindoo has given way to his usual midday sleepy fit. The hotel flags flattered wearily round to the west, the clouds became very dense over the Jersey shore, and one or two ominous flashes of lightning bade all beware of the coming shower. What a godsend is a slight shower to some of the wanderers on the Long Branch sands. It is an ill wind that blows nobody some good. There is the satisfaction of standing up inside the cover of a bathing-house for at least half an hour with the one, and then, if fortune favors and the rain be some heavy, there is the delicious sensation of tucking the little neatly-gloved hand under your great brawny arm, putting up your manly umbrella, and escorting the fair one to the paternal sears, in spite of paternal frowns and maternal heart-burnings. I saw a dozen such cases today, and, to judge from facial expression, never was a benificent Providence so heartily blessed for a timely shower—not even by an Illinois farmer in a season of drouth. Home every one trotted; the married ladies to talk "baby" in the parlors; the virgins to discuss dress, to drink black tea without milk and sugar, and to alternate scandal with love stories in one another's bedrooms; the be-whiskered and dyed old gentlemen to talk politics in the halls and bar-rooms; the young exquisites to develop their muscles at ten-pins or sigh alternately over their loves misplaced and bad strokes at billiards. So wags the world; and why should the world of Long Branch be any exception to the rule? Echo answers—Why?

I suppose it is almost useless to enter another protest against the reckless disregard which the Long Branch Transportation Company displays to passengers, especially to those returning to New-York in the evening. It is idle for the Railroad Company to plead that they have only a single track in extamination of their short-comings. They have a charter which confers certain privileges on them in exchange of their affording certain facilities of travel to the public. If a single track is insufficient for the accommodation of the public, it is their bounden duty to lay down a double track at once. This not only applies to passengers to New-York, but to passengers going to Philadelphia. Night after night women, with infants in their arms, and young children, worn out with running about at their side, are detained for an hour—nay, two hours—on their journey home. Is it not time that some public-spirited individual like Mr. Bergh should prosecute some of these railroad companies for cruelty to human beings? If seems pretty clear that the corporations will not do their duty, and that officials either lack readiness to compel them to do so.

NOTES FROM ENGLAND.

West and Cotton—The Difficulties of Compulsory Education—Dr. Livingstone and his Discoverer—The Christmas Exiles.

From Our Own Correspondent.

LONDON, Saturday, Aug. 3, 1872.

While wool is going up cotton is going down. The immense exportation of raw wool from the Australian colonies has quickened the manufactures in this country. Part of the imported wool is exported again in an unmanufactured condition, but last year the exports of worsted stuffs, blankets, flannels and carpets were no less than [illegible] yards, or an increase of 27.7 per cent on the previous year. The woolen trade is still very brisk, but cotton is depressed. Mr. Mason, the President of the Manchester Chamber of Commerce, on Wednesday described the unfavorable circumstances of this important industry. What with the advance in the price of coal and other materials connected with machinery, the rise in the wages of work people, and their unsettled state of mind, the condition of those who had invested capital in the cotton manufactures is one of intense anxiety and perplexity. The labor market has been drained to an unusual extent by emigration, 196,000 men and women, besides children, left our shores last year; and a good part of them from Lancashire. Then the raw material had gone up very much; and the cotton trade was never prosperous with the raw material at a high price. He hoped that the headlong overconfidence which was displayed would not be followed by a senseless panic. There can be no doubt that the cotton trade is in a very delicate condition just now. There is so much competition in it, and the rival manufacturers cut their calculations so fine that an unexpected and continued rise in any of the elements of their business threows them out terribly. And here we have wages, machinery, coal and cotton all gone up together.

DIFFICULTIES OF COMPULSORY EDUCATION.

The Education act is now getting in fair working order, and the difficulties of compulsory education, where it is being enforced, are now apparent. The London School Board has appointed beadles to look out all children of a certain age who do not go to school; but, then, the question arises who is to pay for their schooling. The law says the Board must pay out of its own funds if the parents of the children are paupers, but that the parents must be compelled to pay if they have the means. And then comes the question, what is a pauper? There are parents who have just enough to feed and clothe their children, but nothing left for schooling. Are they paupers, and must they go on the parish because they cannot pay the school fees? The School Board has decided that all relief is the same, whether for food or education, and no distinction can be drawn between different kinds of relief. Therefore parents must either pay for the schooling of their children or take rank as paupers. The cases they had before them were all from that class who hang on the borders of pauperism. One was a charwoman, a widow with one daughter aged nine, and another child of two, and making from six shillings to seven shillings a week. Out of this she declared she could not spare one penny a week or more shillings and four pence a year for school fees. Another charwoman, also a widow, with three children, aged eleven, nine and five, earned nine shillings a week. There there was a shirt-maker, with a girl of nine years old, whose earnings were six shillings a week; a woman deserted by her husband, with three children, one of them eight years old, earned fifteen pence a day in the market gardens; and a man who had been master of a small coasting vessel, but had been out of work since March, and who had four children, all of an age to go to school. It must be admitted that these are all cases that excite compassion, but of course the School Board is bound to uphold the law, and to take care that there are no wide loop-holes opened by which parents can escape their liabilities.

DR. LIVINGSTONE AND MR. STANLEY.

Mr. Stanley has arrived in London, and the Americans here are going to give him a dinner, after the fashion of their countrymen in Paris. I presume that the English will also take some notice of the intrepid traveler, and express their gratitude to him for relieving their anxiety about Livingstone. It is impossible, however, not to see that Mr. Stanley is regarded with some coldness and suspicion. It will, no doubt, be said in America that this is owing to jealousy of American courage and enterprise, and to disappointment at the collapse of the English expedition. I don't think this is quite a fair statement of the case. So far as I can judge, the feeling is that Englishmen should be thankful to Stanley for assuring them that in the beginning of the year Livingstone was well, and for the assistance which in various ways he rendered him; but that it is unfortunate Stanley should have exerted himself to poison the Doctor's mind against all his old friends, and to persuade young Oswald Livingstone not to go up to his father with the stores of the Search and Relief Expedition. There is also a keen feeling of disappointment at the want of geographical information. The question of the Nile sources is left where it was, except that it is obscured and confused by the extraordinary mass of geographical details which Stanley has brought back with him. Livingstone's letters, too, are of no value in this respect. He seems to have been able to think of nothing except Stanley's ill-natured stories of his friends, and the shameful way in which he had been neglected. It is known from Livingstone's letters, which were received in 1869, what was the object he set himself. It was to connect the sources he had discovered between 10° and 12° from five hundred to seven hundred miles south of Speke and Baker's waters, with their Nile. He suspected that he had been working, perhaps, at the sources of the Congo, as well as of the Nile. But the reports now brought are so vague and confused, and, in some respects, so obviously inaccurate, that it is impossible to make head or tail of them, or to say what is the result of Livingstone's researches since 1869. If Stanley, content with his own laurels, had allowed Oswald Livingstone and the relief expedition to proceed, there would have been a reasonable prospect of having the mystery cleared up by personal communication with the Doctor, and there would also have been the satisfaction of knowing that he had received the supplies sent out to him. As it is, it may be ever so long before any more letters are received from Ujiji; and it is therefore doubtful whether the stores which, when Stanley carried back young Livingstone with him, were given over to the care of a native leader, will ever reach their destination. The latest information from Zanzibar, dated June 1, says:

"The men with supplies for Livingstone crossed the River Pangani yesterday. The employe of the American Consulate saw them safely across the river. He states that the country between Bayamgre and the river was waist deep with mud and water. He thinks that they will proceed, but speaks doubtingly of the energy of the Mab leader."

I am afraid we are in for a series of unpleasant controversies, for geographers are almost as inflammatory as grammarians; but it is a great thing to know that a few weeks ago Livingstone was alive and well, and that he had sufficient stores to last him for some time to come.

THE CHRISTMAS EXILES.

For some time past little has been heard of the Emperor and Empress of the French. A week or two since they gave a garden party, which was largely attended by the rank and fashion of London; and the success of which greatly delighted the hosts. But, with that exception, their life has been as quiet and obscure as that of any simple country family. The Empress amuses herself with her conservatory, her pet spaniels and letter-writing. The Emperor smokes and writes a great deal, and visits and gossips in the neighborhood. He has lost none of his old confidence in his star. These are hard times, especially for France, but all will come right some day, and in the meanwhile the interregnum is a pleasant holiday. He makes no secret of his hopes, and is quite free and open in his talk. French visitors are always coming and going at Camden House, and the Ex-Emperor takes care to have the best means of knowing all that is going on. The Prince Imperial is busy with his studies, classical and military. He is a student at King's College, London, and he has lately been admitted as Queen's cadet at the Woolwich Military Academy. Just now the Empress and Prince Imperial have gone for a little tour in the Highlands of Scotland. They will be back in a fortnight, and then they will join the Emperor at the seaside, either the Isle of Wight or Brighton. Prince Napoleon is, I believe, still in town, but he lives in retirement. The Emperor may know best, but I fancy he might make his arrangements for a pretty long residence here.

F. E. J.

George T. Downing Declines for Grant and Wilson.

NEWPORT, R. I., Aug. 14, 1872.

To Hon. John F. Quarles, Augusta, Ga.:

DEAR SIR: Yours is before me. It is well known that I have taken an active interest in politics, and as I am in the receipt of many letters from colored persons and others from various sections inquiring where I stand in the Presidential contest, I therefore publicly reply.

The confidence I am happy to repose in Charles Sumner, my unswerving faith in his integrity, the gratitude I reverently cherish in connection with him in his efforts for the rights, affecting me and my race, his unquestioned towering ability, the fact that we have in some instances differed as to policies affecting my people's interest, and, time having proved that he was right, have all tended to produce a timidity on my part about taking a stand adverse to him on a subject which he has made so especially a matter of earnest study. I have paused, I have questioned myself, but a sense of duty, though painful, compels me to differ with my friend, and to declare my conviction that with Grant and Wilson and the old Republican Party in power, with all that is said disparagingly thereof, the interest of a stable and just Government will be favored more, than if Greeley and Brown, with such as would be associated with them, were placed there. Instead, that the fraternal relations so necessary to exist between those who have been too long estranged—a relation earnestly desired by me—are more likely to be brought about sooner with the continuance of the Republican Party in power, than if Greeley, with his probable associates, were placed there.

Placing others in power, and especially under the circumstances, would be taken as reproving those in power; and so a marked manner if Horace Greeley were placed at their head—Horace Greeley, whose erratic, unstable, and in many instances inconsistent career, gives no assurance of his having the needed steady character which the man at the helm of State should have. We wondered at his strange course during the war—how he was willing to let the country be rent in twain at the bidding of rebels; how he was willing to treat with them when they had not any plot with them? how he became the ballet of their chief; how he journeyed in their land to praise their prowess and devotion to an unholy cause, to give encouragement to them; how he, while there, sought Mr. and Mrs. Jefferson Davis, and held the hand far more intimate and friendly relations with the rebel chief, who has just said, "I accept nothing; I have done nothing that I am sorry for; I shall not abide by the issue of the war; the South is only waiting; the cause for which we fought must triumph sooner or later; our policy is to watch the current of events, and when the heads of the North are ready to help us, we will help them; they will give us what we want, and we shall put them in power."

It has been made too plainly evident, especially of late, how Horace Greeley can stretch his conviction with the hope of becoming President. His election would immoralize discordant elements in legislative halls, and encourage a spirit not yet extinct in the land—a spirit which would overturn the new order of things. The Democrats, who are to elect Horace Greeley—if he be elected—do not recognize the new order of things with any good will; they merely abide them, which is no assurance of any very strenuous efforts to maintain the same in any warm contest. It is probably true that a large percentage of them give in their adhesion, intending to recognize colored men as free citizens, with full rights, not to be infringed by law; a class like the Tilldenites, and place within their elections, to decide from the letter and spirit of the Constitution, interpreted in the light of the Declaration of Independence, as to what constitutes the same; States taxes, without giving a representation; if to deprive a person of life, liberty or property, to the pursuit of happiness, if it attempts to pass a bill of attainder, or to abridge any essential feature of a republican form of government in an American sense, it is "the duty" of the United States to interpose, and guarantee against the same. I refer to this because of its immediate connection with a plank in the several platforms. Which the Cincinnati platform subsequently adopted at Baltimore, like the Republican platform at Philadelphia, affirms the right of every citizen to be protected in his civil and political rights, the Cincinnati-Baltimore platform, in obedience to the spirit which waged war against the Government, intimates, at least, that the securing of the rights of the citizen is to be left with the States, while the Philadelphia platform affirms that it is the duty of the National, as well as of State Governments, so to do, and, to make the matter complete, the Republicans have inserted the words "public rights," so as to have all citizens fully protected in rights which the people, in the interest of slavery, have been educated to out

OREGON.

Summering on the Pacific Coast—Season for Yachting—Hay-Gathering at the Springs—In the Mountains—Willamette Valley Homestead.

From Our Own Correspondent.

SALEM, Oregon, Monday, Aug. 5, 1872.

Our Summer has toned down so that the mornings and evenings feel a premonition of Autumn, and as the days have sensibly shortened, the sun is hardly able to get up as fervent a march as a few weeks ago. But for all that the weather is warm. Yes, hot, and the languishing townspeople are wending their ways for sea or mountain. "Anywhere, anywhere, out of the world," or at least to some parts of it where civilization is not overtiresome. All this while the farmers are hurrying up the harvest, and by the aid of mowers, headers, reapers and threshers they manage to get through their work much easier than they used to. Harvesting is hot work to make the best of it, but that old task of cradling and binding by hand—how terrible that used to be; at least, what little I have done of it tires me yet when I think of it. The world moves, and harvesting moves along with it.

ROUND FOR THE COAST.

The farmers take their recreation by and by, for when the harvest is over and before the Summer is ended, they hitch up Debbin and his mate and go a gypsying, with generally a preference for the ocean beach, perhaps, because they naturally seek to wash off the Summer's dust and stains, and want plenty of water at hand when they undertake the job. I remember how the country people from Connecticut used to "come to salt," as they termed it. That is, they came down in wagon loads, all sorts, sizes, and ages, and took a good look at Long Island Sound each Summer, and went home, perhaps the same evening, with an idea that they had made acquaintance with the ocean. Our Oregonians also like to "go to salt," but they deliberately haul their household penates along with them, pack up the baby, bed and board, frying-pan and tea-kettle, say the wagon-cover, if not fortunate enough to own a family hack, and very likely a couple of ponies are saddled for hub and sis to use, or for the youngsters and oldsters to ride upon, "turn about." Then they meander through the valley roads either for Yaquina or Salmon River, as those are the only two passes by which wagons reach the ocean from the Willamette Valley. They camp along the road, linger a day or so in the Coast Mountains, which reach down to the ocean beach almost, and catch trout or prospect for bear or elk sign, and like as not they hit a deer or two for variety and fresh meat. The Coast Mountains average about thirty miles across, and are occupied on the Salmon River road by an Indian reservation, so that whites cannot build Summer resorts on the ocean shore or on the route, but a toll-road has been constructed over the mountains and to the beach, entirely to accommodate this Summer exodus of native web-feet, and once down at the beach they encamp near by in the marginal wood, by some mountain trickle of cool water, and really enjoy the strange admixture of sea and mountain all at the same time. "Marathon looks on the sea," and so do our coast rangers, I imagine, too, that the latter offer the best Summer sports, for here the formidable brute hides in his coverts and vegetates on berries, nuts, and acorns. Here the black-tailed deer is to be hunted, and the lordly elk ranges through the remotest upheavals, and offers excellent sinews and sublime roasts as recompense for his capture. The disciples of Old Isaak Walton can fish among these mountains to their hearts' content with a good prospect that mountain trout will respond on time for breakfast. And down on the beaches shore—which the sea takes the trouble to come up and roll smooth and hard twice a day, the year round, whether visitors are expected or no—the country people and the city people meet with that superabundance of funs that people always have on hand when they leave business entirely out of sight and go in for an unmitigated enjoyment. They drive up and down the beach when tides permit; they bathe in the pounding surf, which is cool enough at Midsummer to serve up in arctic fountains if it was favored aright; and when jutting rags dispute the jurisdiction of the sea, they fish for tomcod and flounders at risk of being cut off from the base of supplies as the tides sweep in. They employ the hours when the tides are out to capture crabs, dig clams, which are neither quohogs nor soft shell, but *sui generis*, and serve well for chowder, stew or fry, and are most appetizing in a fritter. The rock oyster is a curiosity found in a platy rock, with a thin shell, but occupying separate apartments, and filling those dositions to the entire satisfaction of such constituents as happen to discover and possess them. These mollusca are not bivalves, and are not known at many places on the Oregon coast.

BOUND FOR YAQUINA BAY.

Another favorite Summer resort is at Yaquina Bay, south of Salmon River, and reaching inland from the ocean about thirty miles. Several small towns are springing up along this arm of the sea, and various streams come into it from the surrounding mountains which are heavily timbered. A small steamer runs up the bay and connects with a stage which clambers semi-occasionally over a mountain road, laid through a somewhat favorable pass that was built with a Government land subsidy, and connects the growing coast settlements with the beautiful Willamette Valley. This bay has a direct commerce with San Francisco, manufactures lumber by wholesale out of the magnificent and inexhaustible forest, and has native oyster beds that add to the luxuries of the Golden City, as well as furnish occasional supplies that are hauled overland to us who are of this valley. Yaquina has become enterprising somewhat, and has imported oysters of the best breeds known East—sheep horns or long horns can't say—and promises to take the lead in improved bivalves. Our native oysters are very small, but excellent eating. Newport, on Yaquina Bay, has favorite Summer resort, and has accommodations of good class, and each year receives an increase of patronage. It is destined in time to be a very popular place, but the people of the valley cannot drive down there with their plunder all aboard, as to Salmon River, and they will prefer the latter place so long as they can reach it almost free of expense, and live there a nomadic life, enjoying the luxury of nature in all its patriarchal simplicity and gusto.

SOJOURNING AT THE SPRINGS.

After crossing the plains in the old way, camping and pasturing along the road, one becomes a semi-nomad, and takes naturally to after life to episodes that have a flavor of the old career. Oregonians attend their State fairs and county fairs in the same way, and our State Fair Grounds are park-like and spacious, surrounded with natural oak groves where the tens of thousands come from hundreds of miles, perhaps, spread their tents, and are ever so much happier than clams at high water. And when they come they all come, from grandfather down to the baby. I am sorry to say that the sessions of the Legislature are not attended in the same way. It would be better if they were held where the members lived in the open air, and not in cumbered stoves, and far away from corporation influences and whisky, though it must be confessed that Ben. Halliday furnishes them a much purer article than they are willing to buy for themselves. But about our springs. Nature has been both bountiful and kind in furnishing us health-dealing waters, for I suppose the mineral springs already developed on the edge of this valley eastward, among the foot-hills of the lordly Cascade range, are unsurpassed for excellence. The water in some instances is deliciously cold, and has a sparkling effervescence equal to the best manufactured article.

These springs are attracting invalids and becoming popular resorts, not yet having reached the fashionable epoch. That is hardly true, either, for they have established a rustic career of fashion that will grow and cultivate into something equal to Saratoga, perhaps! Several of these places offer "accommodation for man and beast," and their houses are patronized by many who use the waters for benefit of their health. Also, some go there for recreation, but many from pure independence of the lord or landlord of the soil, will seeking for a spot to pitch their tents, set up housekeeping with a frying-pan and camp-kettle, and "care nothing for nobody." These chime in with all the enjoyments of the place, attend the "hops," learn to play croquet, and go in for a full share of what fun there is a going.

A young miss of seventeen, of my own raising, who lately attended "Wilhoit's Springs" in company with friends who took accommodations sin-natural, cooked at a log-fire and tented on the ground, reports that she never had so much enjoyment in all her life. She furnishes a graphic picture of the surroundings, and I judge therefrom that Oregonians know how to amuse themselves when they undertake it, as well as the best at them. July furnishes elegant weather for dancing. They "hop" at Salators, and why not at "Wilhoit's?" So they did "hop" at "Wilhoit's," and will, no doubt, for many a day to come. Every "hop" has to have a master of ceremonies, and the "leader of the ton" at our springs was an enthusiastic young man, who called off the figures for quadrilles and made things spin when the time came for fancy dances. He came from down on the Molalla, and probably was a leading spirit in that neck of woods. When he danced, he paid particular attention to it—especially on one warm evening, when he wore a schottische out, and dropping his partner in the middle of the floor, let her choose the seat she liked best without dictation, while he took one across the room. There was no exquisite foolishness of fashion about that; neither was there in his cheerful exclamation, when, after mopping his perspiring features awhile with his generous bandana, he called out, "I say, Mary! don't it make you sweat?" There was delicious consciousness for you.

IN THE MOUNTAINS.

Hunting and fishing parties are constantly flitting out in the valleys through the Spring, Summer and Autumn, bound for either the Coast range or the Cascades. These last are perhaps the most formidable mountains on the continent. They boast such mighty champions among the snow peaks as Hood, Jefferson, the Three Sisters and others in Oregon. Bierstadt has made himself famous by his success in portraying Hood and its surroundings. Yet Adams, St. Helen, Rainier and Baker, in Washington Territory, dispute the palm for grandeur with our favorite summit. Expeditions fit out each Summer to climb these mountains, and the summit of Hood has been trod by the feet of ladies. It is considered a nice thing to go and camp at the foot of that prince of peaks, to fish in waters furnished by its snows, and to hunt the deer and elk at its base. Just remember, however, that you are more than a long day's journey in among Titan ranges, and away from the dwellings of the valley where you rest at the foot of Mount Hood, and the base of the mountain must claim a field of at least twenty miles broad as its homestead, with little fear of ever losing possession.

Across the river from here, west, there also beautiful oak-crowned hills, over which the yellow grain now stands in broad fields, or the golden sheaves are piled, telling of harvest. Visiting a friend who owns such fields, I lately saw from one of the higher swells a panorama of such magnificence that one could never tire. I can see Mount Hood, fully eighty miles distant, from my own door here in the valley, but from that better view it loomed on the east with an impressiveness that no eye can deny and no pen can tell, and not only Hood, but, to the south, Jefferson and the Sisters relieve the mountain ranges of their monotony, while to the north the nearest, not more than a hundred miles distant, is Washington Territory, with the Columbia rolling all its floods between, stood St. Helen, Adams and Rainier. A view of some of these greets the homesound Oregonian ear at sea, and no true son or the soil but rejoices at the sight of them.

There are wonderful riches in the Cascades, the existence of which is denoted by the presence of gold in the sands that are brought from them. Prospectors continually explore for the discovery of the lodes that furnish it, and wonderful deposits have been found, but are not yet made to pay. Lead, silver and gold will some day yield tons of millions of treasure where. Some devote their Summer recreation to this search for mines, and others work at Summer gathering the gold on the river bars with good results. In the mountains, and at high altitude, are beautiful, clear lakes, stored with speckled trout and mountain salmon. These lakes are favorite resorts for fishermen, but it requires a hardy sort of man to get that far, for the way is rough and weary on man and beast. One lake, of miles in length, has evidently been formed by some recent convulsion of nature; at least, account as the existence of the grand forests which clothe these ranges, and which will become invaluable to the world in the course of time. Some visitors once made a raft and ventured on this lake to fish, and they discovered that a forest was submerged beneath them. The water was as clear as crystal, and the depth must have been great, for the mountain forests stand two hundred feet high in many instances. This could happen by a sinking of the spot, or by a stoppage of the outlet. As any rate that is the fact, and the quidnuncs can account for the circumstances as they please.

WILLAMETTE VALLEY DESCRIBED.

You will perceive that the Valley of the Willamette is cradled among vast mountain ranges, with only one outlet made by nature, where the Willamette River joins the Columbia, which is only accomplished by its passage through a rock cañon at OREGON CITY, where the broad stream plunges thirty feet in one abrupt fall. The stream is navigable above for probably a hundred and fifty miles, and Portland is situated mid way between there and the Columbia. The Willamette Valley may be described as a hundred and fifty miles long and averaging forty miles wide, with smaller valleys reaching among the spurs of the mountains, and with much valuable land to be developed among the foot hills on either side. We may not assert too much to claim that the romance of its scenery is not easily surpassed or the face of the earth.

AUTUMN AND CLAMBAKE.

The resorts I have been describing are the Summer haunts of the people; the places to which they go in their own wagons or conveyances, and where public houses open their doors to the smaller number who have no conveyances of their own, or, unhappily, are too fastidious to appreciate the nomadic style of life. Of these classes are the inhabitants of Portland, the busy town which claims to be the metropolis of the north coast. But Portland naturally seeks the sea for a Summer bathe by the Columbia. Astoria stands on a mountain side—almost, nay, literally climbing out of the water—and looks out over the broad bays and channels to the ocean, twenty miles distant. From there charming expeditions can be taken to the cape, on which a light-house and formidable earthworks look down on river and ocean. All the shores wear an inhospitable and frowning look, and Point Adams, otherwise known as Cape Disappointment, is exceedingly picturesque, viewed from the bay, which it forms within. With due respect for the shades of Joaquin Miller to be the poet of our coast, I will describe the spot in verse:

With seaward face for ocean's fiercest shock,
Rising in cliffs of adamantine rock,
Where thunderings meet the river of the West,
Point Adams, all in sombre squareness dressed,
Keeps ceaseless watch upon the sea and sky,
And sees the gate to let Columbia by.
Southward the frowning head of Tillamook,
Breast deep in ocean, keeps its own outlook
And all along the coast the mountains stand
And hold the waves back with a steady hand,
And rifled ranks that inland stood of yore
Are ready now to pour in Winding shore,—
All by the river kissed upon earth's breast,
New lifted shoreward by heaving seas.

The only marks of civilization that welcome the voyager are found in the fortifications, that are more a threat to a foe than a welcome to a friend.

South of the entrances stretches a long sand spit, made up of mile long beaches, where the sea piles back the sands brought down by the great rivers. This constitutes Clatsop Plains, four or five miles wide by twenty long, and down close under the frown of Tillamook Head, situated upon beautiful creeks which flow down the plains parallel with the beach, and only a quarter of a mile distant from it, are the Summer houses which entice the selectest Portland families, and sometimes the rest of us. It is a beautiful spot, and remote enough from the world's thoroughfares to satisfy the most retiring spirit. Of late years several new houses have been opened for the accommodation of visitors, and this will go on until Clatsop will be one most famous of Oregon Summer residences. Ben Halladay has purchased the best natural situation, and has established himself there, and they say he intends to build a large hotel another season.

From Astoria one can make excursions over to the beach, and little steamers are in readiness for pushing up the mountain streams and the various inlets that radiate out of or into the Broad bay; and certainly the variety of scenery and of circumstance, if within reach of your citizens, would be exceedingly compact.

It occurred to me reasonable to dish up as August reading for the subscribers for the TIMES the primitive rides we have of Summer junketings here on the North-west coast. Many of them will read it when sojourning at their more fashionable Summer haunts, but I imagine not a few of them will sigh for the freshness of our primitive ways and the native romance of our scenery, and it may be that some fair damsels would not object to hear our beau from the Molalla call off the figures of a quadrille.

FRANCE.

Adjournment of the Assembly—President Thiers' Declaration—The New Loan—Jumps at Conciliation—Ambulances in the Capital.

From Our Own Correspondent.

PARIS, Monday, August 5, 1872.

The Assembly has at length generated for a three months' vacation, and without a single incident of marked importance. I do not know that I can say this exactly, for the report of M. Saint-Marc Girardin upon the prorogation of the Chamber was a matter of some importance, since M. Thiers used as a mouth-piece the very man who was expected to be his strongest enemy. After delighting the Left in his late speeches, the President turned round to give a few soft words to the Right. In point of fact he used the same words on both occasions, taking for his text "The Conservative Republic;" only, when he desired to throw the Left into extacies of joy he accented the word Republic, and when he wished to satisfy the Right he put the accent upon the word Conservative. On one side it was "Conservative *Republic*," on the other "*Conservative* Republic." Besides, the latter denouncing the opinions of the Council of Villefranche, which M. Barthelemy Saint-Hilaire answered without reading, had put the majority into good humor, and when M. Thiers then declared that he was and always had been a Conservative and meant to maintain the "Pacte de Bordeaux" the Right was perfectly satisfied of the President's honest intentions, and left feeling that the country could safely be left in his hands, particularly when the "Committee of Twenty-five" was left to watch over him. Things being thus resolated, M. De Belcastel withdrew his notice of interpellation upon the general state of the country, and M. Saint-Marc Girardin took up the President's defense in his report. The explanations given by M. Thiers were perfectly satisfactory, he said, and the Assembly could be reassured. The Republic had been found already in existence; it was the Government *de facto*, and, since the President had declared that he had no sympathy with the Radicals, and meant to keep the Republic conservative, it was the duty of Deputies to sustain him—each, of course, reserving his own opinion upon the Government of the future. This is the sum of the political part of the report, and the wonder of it is that M. Saint-Marc, who was recently much incensed against the President, and who left the *Journal des Débats* because that paper sustained him, should have made it at all. Without doubt this fact goes to show the remarkable tact and cleverness of M. Thiers, but the real secret of it is that the members of the Right failed to agree upon any basis of compromise, and, in complete despair, came back to the conclusion that they must support the things that are to fear of worse, and wait for better upon the natural course of events. Meantime, utterly powerless, the Right has gone off to the country, and at the hour I write M. Thiers is whirling along toward Trouville, happy to have rid himself of the Assembly for at least three months.

THE LOAN.

The new loan is still a subject of gossip, and some curious stories are told about it. One of them is worth noting. Four or five of the city journals—and I do not count the Bonapartist journals, who dared not even copy the report—positively state, and demand an inquiry into the matter, that a number of leading bankers were let into the secret of the loan before it was closed. They say that at the last moment M. Rothschild and others were given the figures already subscribed, and that seeing how far it had gone, they were allowed to quadruple their subscriptions. There is a further charge, that for the deposit of fourteen and a half per cent upon this second subscription, they "put up" nothing but checks upon England or some other country, which were given under the pledge that they were not to be used. That such checks were given is certain, but about the pledge I cannot say. Its evident that any check these men would give must be as good as gold. I mention this report to show how the figures of the loan were run up for moral effect, and when I say that the *Soir*, Republican organ, first made the charge, you will see that it does not spring from party malice.

JUMPING AT CONCLUSIONS.

Another instance of drawing bizarre conclusions from certain public facts is seen with regard to the proposed meeting of the Czar, Francis Joseph, of Austria, and the Emperor William, of Germany. The French Press is greatly troubled by this meeting, and is talking about another "Holy Alliance," as if the possibility of such a thing did not end with the fall of the last Bourbon, and the principle of Divine right, and become ridiculous with the election of Louis Philippe and Prince Louis Napoleon. There are some men who never can get into their heads the idea that the world is progressing. For my part, I believe that we are a great deal better than our fathers, and that our children will be a great deal better than we are, and I know that we have established great principles which our fathers barely understood. Since we have come to understand that kingcraft is a profession, that a King holds his office by the will of the people, and that, as an officer of the people, he is just as much entitled to obedience and respect as the meanest Justice of the Peace in the country, we have come to have new ideas about such questions as "Holy Alliances" and balances of power. The time is past when a sovereign can make an alliance which will be binding; and no one can imagine that the English people could be led into a war against their will because an ally of Her Majesty had stupidly run his head into difficulties. The most that can be done is to shape the policy of the Government, which generally shapes the people also, I admit, but which cannot be depended on in a general when the right is not clearly established. This is probably the case now. I have no idea, in the world that Kaiser Wilhelm hopes to make an alliance between Russia, Austria and Germany; but he wants to inaugurate a policy of peace which shall promote such interests as the three nations have in common, and establish a sentiment of good will. The latter is the most important, in my opinion, of views for Prince Bismarck will find it a powerful moral weapon against France to check any growing belligerent spirit.

AMERICANS IN PARIS.

Paris is full of Americans at this time, and I meet at the Grand Hotel any number of New-York merchants, who are here for the purpose of looking up the fashions, or to buy stock. Men in other lines are also abundant, and judging from what I can see here, New-York is going to have a brilliant Winter. Mr. Harry Palmer is busy with his grand spectacle, to open at Niblo's, and the sketches he has of costumes are ahead of anything yet put upon the stage. Some of the best Parisian artists have been engaged by him. By the by, there was a rumor recently that Mr. Palmer was insane. I do not know how the report got about, but since it did, I may as well say that there is not truth in it. He was quite ill, a short time back, but is as well as ever, and as sound in mind as he has been ever since I knew him. In a word, there is no truth whatever in the report in question.

ABBY.

A Little Child Torn by a Savage Dog.

The Detroit *Post* gives an account of a savage attack by a large bull-dog upon a boy four years old, in that city, on Wednesday afternoon last, by which the child received nearly fatal injuries. The dog was lying upon the steps of the house when the child entered the yard. The brute slowly raised his head, and uttered a low growl of rage, which attracted the attention of the lady of the house. She spoke to the dog in a soothing manner, and called to the child to go out of the yard. The little fellow, however, being unable to understand English, advanced, when the dog sprang toward him. The child turned to fly, but was too late. The savage brute seized upon him with great violence, fastening his sickle-tip to the earth. The child was bitten in several places, and one eye was nearly destroyed. His face was horribly mutilated, and his scalp was nearly torn from his head. It was with great difficulty that the dog could be forced to quit his prostrate victim.

NEWPORT.

Warm Weather—Amusements—Coast Scenery—The Pioneer—The Prize Regatta—Celebrated Resorts—Charlotte Cushman.

From Our Own Correspondent.

NEWPORT, R. I., Wednesday, Aug. 14, 1872.

The warm and sultry weather of the past ten days has been the means of rapidly filling up every vacant room at the hotels, and in fact every place where "boarders are wanted." Never before, for a number of years at least, have our hotels enjoyed such continued prosperity as they have within the past few weeks, and as a result the landlords are good-hactured and apparently happy.

Amusements are not numerous, with the exception of the usual watering-place entertainments—going to the beach in the morning, driving in the afternoon and attending the hops at the hotels in the evening. At these hops as one would be led to suppose from the name, that dancing was the principal feature; far from it, however, but little of it is done at the social entertainments, with the exception of a venturesome couple, who may be seen occasionally to rush through a bewitching waltz or galop, and an observer would never know that the occasion was termed a "hop." A large number of the guests may be found quietly taking their comfort upon the capacious piazzas, enjoying a social chit-chat, and listening to the delightful music as it comes floating from within. These piazzas are pleasant places, and are also the scene where those innocent flirtations occur, so common at watering-places, and which are carried on to the enjoyment of those most interested.

Capt. Norton, late in command of the ill-fated Cuban privateer which was recently turned over to the United States authorities, is seemingly born to misfortune, as he has been arrested and lodged in our County Jail. His arrest was caused by James E. Ward & Co., of New-York, on account of a mortgage for $2,000, which they had upon the Pioneer. It appears that the Pioneer, formerly the Resolute, was sold in Hayti to the Cuban Government, subject, of course, to the mortgage. The name of the vessel was subsequently changed from the Resolute to the Pioneer, and Capt. Norton commissioned by President Cespedes to command her. Since his arrest, he has repeatedly informed his Cuban sympathizers in New-York of his incarceration, and he did not doubt for a moment but that they would immediately furnish bail for his release, but as yet nothing has been done in the matter. The Pioneer is now lying quietly in the charge of a Keeper at Perry Mill Dock, and she has been entirely dismantled.

Our citizens are making arrangements to give a schooner and sloop prize in a regatta to be sailed from this place on the 20th of the present month. The race will be open to yachts belonging to any recognized and duly organized yatch club. It is expected that many of the Boston yachts will appear as competitors, with some of the first yachts of the New-York Yacht Club. The Atlantic Yacht Club have made a vast, and many of the "gay creatures" attended the reception at the Ocean House Saturday evening. The New-York Yacht Club are expected the latter part of the week from Glen Cove, when a number of races, of which the readers of the TIMES have been informed, will occur over the favored course from Brenton's Reef Light-ship to Block Island and return. The following yachts are today quietly lying at anchor in our harbor: The Wanderer, Palmer, Viking and steam-yacht Louise, formerly owned by Boss Tweed, of New-York. The race, which is to occur from this place, between the Tidal Wave and Madgie, is looked forward to with a good deal of interest. The race is for the Challenge Cup given by Commodore Bennett, and now held by the Madgie, but two years ago the Tidal Wave was the winner. The course will be from Fort Adams, around Block Island and return. Really, a brilliant prospect is ahead for Newport and vicinity.

The accident to the steamer Bristol, as the readers of the TIMES have been duly informed by telegram, causes a good deal of talk in our City. Opinions are freely expressed, pro or con, in reference to the future action of the Narragansett Steam-ship Company in assuming the responsibility of the damage done to the bark, and of the action of Capt. Simmons, of the Bristol. Many severely censure Capt. Simmons, and say that with his bows cut seven or eight feet into a vessel loaded with iron, that he should have examined the steamer more thoroughly, and can but consider that the blame for leaving Newport should be attributed to gross carelessness. It is evident that the Company mean to contest the right to pay for damages done to the bark, and, in fact, one of the officers of the Company in this City informed the TIMES correspondent that the bark had no right to be in the channel, and that his Company would sue her for damages. However this may be, it is the wish of all that the affair should be fully and impartially investigated, and particularly that part of it where the responsibility of leaving Newport after the collision was assumed. Captain Woolonghan, of the ill-fated bark, together with his crew, were summoned to New-York last evening, by the vessel's consignee in that place, to attend some important business in reference to the accident. They leave many friends in this city who heartily sympathize with them in their loss, and who have bestowed upon them many acts of kindness since the accident.

Probably it will be of interest to the readers of the TIMES to read a list of the titled as well as the prominent individuals who are sniffing our delightful sea breezes: Baron von Hengmuller Hengerbor, Chargé d'Affaires of Hungary; Bellaigue de Bughas, French Consul at New-Orleans; F. L. Barreda, late Peruvian Minister; Marquis de Noailles, French Minister; Count Corti, Italian Minister; Count von Asseg, First Attaché German Legation; Count Arco, Austrian Chargé d'Affaires; Admiral Barnabe de Pold, Spanish Minister; Charlotte Cushman, the renowned actress; Mr. Sotomerson, the Austrian Minister; Mr. Debitz, the Danish Minister; John Lafarge, the artist; E. S. Greenough, the sculptor; Fanny Fern, James Parton, Dr. S. G. Howe, Julia Ward Howe, Maurice del Force, Belgian Minister; Count Krentze, First Secretary Russian Ambassador; Gen. Cullum, Ex-Superintendent West Point; Gov. John T. Hoffman, Judges Blatchford, Sedgwick, Curtis and Dickey; W. B. Lawrence, Ex-Gov. E. D. Morgan, L. P. Morton, Gen. H. B. Sargent.

Since my last letter our little State has undergone somewhat of a sensation caused by the appearance of the "Dolly Varden" candidate for the Presidency. It is a noteworthy fact, and worth remembering, that at the clam-bake he attended at Silver Springs the American Steamboat Company sold but 1,300 tickets; although the visit of Gen. Grant to the same place two years ago the Company sold 12,000 tickets.

Miss Charlotte Cushman has kindly consented to give a reading for the benefit of the Newport Hospital Fund at the Opera-house, on Tuesday evening next. The great philosophical writer, Prof. J. C. Draper, is with us as the guest of A. S. Hatch, Esq., as has also been Prof. Agassiz. Oliver Wendell Holmes has been stopping with Gardner Brewer at "Elmhurst," and no other than Hon. Geo. S. Boutwell, Secretary of the Treasury, is also the guest of Mr. Brewer. Mr. Lorillard, of the yacht Wanderer, gave the prizes—one of $20 and the other $10—last week to be sailed for by the landing-call-boats in our harbor. The courtesies of the visiting yachtsmen will never be forgotten by our boatmen. Gov. Hoffman has returned from Albany; Ben. Wood and family are at the Ocean House, and A. Oakey Hall has been the guest for a few days of Ex-Gov. E. D. Morgan, of New-York. Gen. McDowell has been in town also, and visited Fort Adams. He was received with the customary salute.

The following are the latest arrivals of New-Yorkers at the hotels: Judge E. W. Stoughton, Mr. Sinclair, of the New-York Tribune; J. A. Moore, United States Army; John Schuyler, A. C. Washington, A. W. Spear, Gen. S. D. Babcock, A. S. Bishop, Richard Wardwell, Chas. Waters, George H. Smith, Jr., A. J. Dodge, J. R. Greenwood and A. D. Thayer.

CALIFORNIA.

A Few Words on the Currency and Finance—Politics in the Golden State.

From Our Own Correspondent.

GILES VALLEY, Sunday, July 28, 1872.

One of the New-York papers (the *Post*) estimates the annual gold interest sent from the Government at $112,000,000. In reflecting upon this subject of ways and means, I was led to consider the financial condition of the Government at the commencement of the rebellion, and the effect which the mines of California had in enabling to carry through to a successful termination that great and important struggle.

Up to the commencement of that trying period, our common currency was furnished by local banking institutions, subject to depreciation, or financial casualties. New-York being the great centre of commerce, bills from Mobile to New-Orleans and the great West, were subjected to heavy discounts, the cash funds of these banks were inadequate to meet the exigencies of the times, and for a period Government was sorely pressed for means to carry on the war, and not until it established a national currency, which was equal in every part of the Union, did the great difficulty disappear. The credit of the Government being pledged, was a great lever in equalizing the currency of its notes, but let one ask all well-informed men, if the steady flow of gold from the Pacific coast to the Atlantic board, was not one of the most powerful levers to sustain that very credit which the Government gave. What greater difficulties would met the Government have sustained had it not been for the mines of California, and had the golden product of our snowy mountains been cut short, what would have been the effect upon the general prosperity of the whole country, and at this day, were the mining departments of the country west of the Rocky Mountains to cease, would not the effect be most severely felt in the business circles of the Union? In this view, should not the mining interests of the Pacific coast be fostered and encouraged? It seems to me that it is worthy of consideration quite as much as that of manufactures, of commerce and trade, and instead of being allowed to be depressed, encouragement should be offered to win the treasure from its hidden vaults in the ground, especially since all other branches are dependent upon the product of the mines to insure success. From the great war arose a great national debt. The interest on that debt is so large that the mind can scarcely grasp it definitely. Still, that debt and interest can and will be paid, and, start not gentle reader when I assure thee California alone, with proper encouragement, could pay the whole, principal and interest. Perhaps you will exclaim, "Well, why don't you take the job?" Give me the chance and I will. Protect and foster the mining interest as you do the commercial and manufacturing; give me scope and fair means to develop the mining resources of California, and I will bind myself to pay the national debt, principal and interest. I see your look of incredulity. I hear your laugh of derision.

What has Nevada County alone done in twenty years? Even Grass Valley, in that period of time, has contributed to the general circulation fifty millions of dollars—a small territory of about ten miles by six—and of the thousand distinct quartz ledges recorded in this district, only ten or fifteen are worked. Then take the mines of Nevada City and its vicinity, of Columbia Hill, North Bloomfield, Eureka, Washington, Alpha, Omega, Quaker Hill, and very many other localities, all of which are still paying, and where other valuable mines exist which are lying dormant for want of capital to work them, in this county, and the amount will be swelled to at least one hundred and twenty millions. I might cite the mines of Placer, Amador and other counties; in fact, the mining territory from one end of the State to the other already developed, and the amount of precious metal already extracted would go far toward paying the national debt. And yet mining in California is still in its infancy. No country in the world offers better inducements for employing capital at this moment than California; but gambling in stocks, feverish excitement in the desire to acquire sudden wealth, overreaching speculation, dishonest management of mines, fraudulent sales and general demoralization will never develop the resources of the country nor pay the national debt. Patient labor, prudent management, a return to the steady application of our fathers, economy in all things, small profits and quick sales are needed for the true prosperity of the country. When you see a mining superintendent driving four-in-hand, giving champagne parties, associating with fast men and fast women, visiting his mine once or twice a week, levying assessments to keep up his style, depend upon it that mine will not pay, if it is as rich as the Idaho, and the stockholders will whistle for their dividends. But those days are fast disappearing. Better management, honest superintendents, improved gold-saving machinery, lower wages and more powerful explosives is the order of the day, and mines which formerly ran their proprietors in debt are now, in many cases, paying handsome dividends. Every mine that is opened gives it value, and is a revenue to the State; every foot of land which lays in its primeval condition yields no revenue either to the State or to individuals. Cultivate the soil and open the mines, and a value is at once created and money rolls into the Treasury. Open an hundred thousand mines (and more than three times that number may be opened in California) and in time the revenue arising will pay the national debt.

Of the politics I say but little. I expect no office, I seek for none, therefore am not a scrubcad; I am only an interested spectator, who, at the proper time, shall deliberately and with no malice aforethought, go to the polls and cast my vote heartily and honestly for Grant and Wilson. From the observation I can report, there is a good deal of talking and noise appears to come from the scrubheads and Greeley men. There seems to be a deep Grant and Wilson current pervading the State. Among the straightforward Republicans I know of only two who have hoisted the Greeley flag, and one of these received Government patronage for ten or twelve years, and was a rank partisan Grant man until he was superseded in office. So much for his patriotism. As an offset to these, I know half a dozen Democrats who swear that they will vote the Grant and Wilson ticket in preference to that of the Chappaqua cabbage-grower, and, so far as I can learn, the masses in California believe in the integrity of our President, and will fully sustain him in the electoral fight. In California I think Greeley's case will be knocked into pi, and his supporters will exemplify the old ditch:

"The man that turnips cries,
And cries not when his father dies,
Plainly shows that he would rather
Have a turnip than a father."

You'll find that quotation in "Pope's Essay on Humbugs," or somewhere else. If you don't happen to find it there, you will see it after election.

OLD BUCK.

The Pioneer Ship of a New Line of Steamers.

The steam-ship "Vibilia" (Goddess of Wanderers) is a new boat which arrived in the port a few days ago from London, the trip being her first, and giving much satisfaction to her owners. She is the pioneer vessel of a new line to run between London and the East Indies and China, via the Suez Canal, for the navigation of which she has been specially constructed. Her dimensions are: Length, 302 feet; beam, 36 feet; depth of hold, 32 feet. Her cabin and state-room accommodations and fittings are of the most comfortable and elegant description, and well calculated to secure that coziness so essential to the comfort of passengers traveling through the tropics. She will be dispatched to London on or about the 25th inst. in charge of Capt. C. H. J. Baker. Messrs. Bruce & Co., of No. 13 Broadway, are the agents for the new Company in this City.

An Officer Clubbing his Prisoner.

John Flynn, of Thirty-ninth-street and Eighth-avenue, was brought up at Jefferson Market, yesterday, by Officer Fitzgerald, of the Twentieth Precinct, charged with disorderly conduct. The prisoner was covered with blood, and suffered from a nasty wound and several ugly bruises, which he told the Judge were the result of a clubbing he received from the officer after his arrest. Justice Cox at once dismissed the case against the prisoner, and directed him to enter a complaint against the officer before the Police Commissioners.

FINANCIAL AFFAIRS.

Before the Stock Board, Saturday, Aug. 17.

GOVERNMENT STOCKS—$12,000 U. S. 6s, 1881, reg., 113; $1,000 U. S. 10-40s, coup., 112½.

SALES BEFORE THE CALL—12½ P. M.

100 Western Un.	72⅞	200 Union Pacific	35
100 do.	72⅞	200 do.	35
200 do.	72⅞	200 do.	35
200 do.	72⅞	200 Rock Island	110
300 Quicksilver pref.	42½	100 Western Union	78
100 Pacific Mail	48	100 do.	78
500 do.	72⅞	100 do.	78
100 do.	72⅞	100 do.	78
100 do.	72⅞	100 do.	78
100

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OFFICE OF TOLEDO, PEORIA AND WARSAW RAILWAY CO., No. 40 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, AUG. 10, 1872.

AT A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railway Company, held on Friday, March 15, 1872, the following resolution was passed:

Resolved, That on and after the 1st day of September, A. D. 1872, the coupons and interest warrants, now first payable, on the 1st day of April, 1873, on the Mortgage Bonds of the Toledo, Peoria and Warsaw Railway Company, and that the holders of said bonds may at any time, exchanging their old coupons and interest warrants, as set forth in a resolution adopted at a meeting of stock and bond holders of this Company on the 15th day of June, 1872, in the City of New-York, "Provided, that such bonds be delivered to the undersigned, for exchange, on or before the 1st day of September, A. D. 1872, but not otherwise."

Given under the seal of the Company.

THOS. E. WILLIAMS, Assistant Secretary.

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A MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS of this Company is hereby called, to be held at this office, on the 10th day of September, 1872, at 1 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of taking into consideration and voting upon an agreement for the consolidation of this Company and its railroad with the Company and railroad of the New-York, Housatonic and Northern Railroad Company, and adopted into by the directors of said Companies respectively.

S. SERGEANT, Secretary.

FOR SALE—SIX HUNDRED SHARES OF THE CENTRAL PACIFIC (of California) RAILROAD STOCK. The board of this Company have voted against placing the remaining portion of the Central Pacific. The earnings of the road would go to justify the statement of its promoters, that it is now earning over 10 per cent. upon the capital invested, and that the 10 per cent. security will soon be placed upon the regular call of the stock Exchange. C. H. HOLLISTER, No. 8 New-st.

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DIVIDENDS.

ASTOR FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

SECOND DIVIDEND.

The undersigned, trustees of the Astor Fire Insurance Company, hereby give notice to the creditors of the said Company that he will pay a second dividend of twenty (20) per cent. on all adjusted claims against said Company, on and after FRIDAY, the 16th day of August, 1872, at his office, No. 28 Broadway.

JAMES YEREANCE, Receiver.

Dated New-York, July 15, 1872.

ADAMS EXPRESS COMPANY, OFFICE, 61 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Aug. 12, 1872.

THE BOARD OF MANAGERS OF THIS Company have declared a DIVIDEND of Two ($2) Dollars per share, payable on the 20 day of September next to stockholders of record at the closing of the transfer-books.

Transfer-books will be closed from 3 P. M. Aug. 19, to the morning of Sept. 5.

L. G. RATCOCK, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE SENECA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, NO. 155 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK, Aug. 12, 1872.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS have this day declared A SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND OF FIVE PER CENT. Payable on and after the 16th inst.

J. K. VAN RENSSELAER, Secretary.

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SPAIN, GRACE ..... Saturday, Aug. 31, at 8 P. M.
ERIN, CROSBY ..... Saturday, Sept. 7, at 3 P. M.
EGYPT, GOODIN ..... Saturday, Sept. 14, at 3 P. M.

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THE TWELFTH PICNIC.

Over Eight Hundred Children Start in a Shower.

Their Day's Pleasure Enhanced by the Weather—Delightful Trip Up the Sound—Complete Success of the Excursion.

The continuance of the stormy weather all of Friday, and yesterday morning, foreshadowed disappointment to the hundreds of children in the Up-town Districts, who had been promised a holiday. Despite this fact, over eight hundred boys and girls braved the threatening weather, and reported at the barge, which lay at the foot of East Twenty-eighth-street. The managers of our excursions had no thought of starting in the midst of a rain-storm, but being agreeably surprised by the large number of children which were present, by 8½ o'clock, he determined to risk the weather, and the party started up the Sound. The rain continued to fall moderately until the tugs and children passed Hell Gate, when it suddenly ceased and the sun came out, the remainder of the day being fine.

The children, though drawn from the very poorest neighborhoods in the upper part of the City, were remarkably well-behaved, so that the pleasure of the teachers and guardians was complete. Provision having been made to feed over 1,100 children, the boys and girls received more sandwiches than usual, the surplus bread being distributed among the poor mothers on their return. Under the circumstances, the picnic was a most successful one.

The following contributions to the fund were received yesterday:

Willie and Boody	10 00
L. P. S. O. J.	10 00
Five children	5 00
Eddy and Helen	5 00
Hattie, Seddie and Baby	1 50
Total	$31 50
Previously acknowledged	$18,518 12
Aggregate of fund	$18,549 62

The Twelfth Excursion.

The excursion party yesterday (forming the twelfth picnic of the series) was composed of children from the east side of the City, between Fourteenth-street and Yorkville. The party consisted of 838 children, 54 mothers, and 87 teachers. Of the children, about 150 were from Dr. Prentiss' Mission Church, at Forty-second-street, invited by Mr. John Boyd, the Deputy Superintendent of the subdistrict, No. 8, and about 300 from the Chapel of the Holy Trinity, in Third-avenue, who were brought by Rev. D. M. McCaffrey, Deputy Superintendent of that district. About 100 came from the Yorkville District, and were conveyed in cars by Deputy Superintendent Badham and Mr. Harrison to the place of embarkation. It was expected that the number of children would have been much larger, but the heavy rains of Thursday and Friday, together with the slight showers of yesterday morning, doubtless prevented a larger attendance, another wet day having been anticipated. Besides those enumerated, over 300 came voluntarily from the immediate vicinity of the pier.

The barge Sarah Smith was in waiting at the foot of East Twenty-eighth-street long before the hour set down for starting, and the children were taken on board as soon as they arrived. Officer Dennis Griffin, of the Twenty-first Precinct, preserving order on the pier. About half an hour later the tug R. Donzie, Capt. Purcell, steamed around from the West side, and joined the party. In order to allow every one an opportunity to get on board the signal for starting was not given until 9 o'clock. The Governor's Island band then struck up a lively tune, and the throng of happy boys and girls commenced moving along up the East River towards the Sound. The children were like those taken on all the former occasions, and consisted in the main of those to whom a picnic was a rarity. There were about the same number of shoeless boys as before, whose attire would hardly realize two cents worth of rags, and yet there were several children who bore evidence of school training, and who doubtless received their better class of clothing through their school societies. Mothers with their infants were also present, and several very young children were cared for by elder brothers and sisters, and in some instances by their teachers. A number of little orphans were brought from the Forty-ninth-street school, showing clearly that if deprived of their parents they were not without friends.

During the outward trip the time was as well kept by the Donze that, despite the opposing tide, no difficulty was experienced in passing Hurl Gate, and the barge, with its happy cargo of juveniles, arrived at Oriental Grove at about 1 o'clock, thus giving the children over two hours for a ramble in the grove and for the enjoyment of Punch and Judy. On the road the excursionists were saluted by the steamers Ivan Dell, David Cox, Bellevue and others, the Donze answering the salutes with her whistle and the children cheering the passengers.

As soon as all the children had been supplied with their breakfast, consisting of sandwiches and milk, they returned to the upper deck where they began the game of Copenhagen, in which the teachers also took part. Some little amusement was caused by the bashfulness of one of the Deputy Superintendents, who could not be induced to join in the game, notwithstanding that he was assisted by several of the young lady teachers, who were anxious that he should participate in the sport.

As the barge neared Oriental Grove the boys attap a prolonged shout, as if the acme of their pleasure had been attained. As the children went ashore they were supplied with cake and lemonade, which was distributed among along the deck to the stairs, some of the boys struck up a familiar air to the words "Ain't it awful jolly when the sandwiches go round," their feet keeping time to the tune. In the grove a platform had been erected for dancing, which it kept up with much vigor. A foot-race, dancing exhibition was given of Punch and Judy, which evidently furnished great amusement to both young and old. But before participating in either, the boys, as usual, sought the water and indulged for several minutes in bathing, they evidently considering that to be far more important or desirable than anything else.

A bed of mussels having been discovered, a number of boys soon became engaged in gathering the bivalves, and a large quantity was carried to the barge. The return trip was very delightful, as the misty atmosphere which had characterized the morning had entirely disappeared, leaving everything fresh and pleasant. On the way back the party was saluted by the steam yacht Julia, the steamers State of New-York, America, Newtown, Sylvan Grove, Seth Low, J. B. Schuyler, Nelly White, New-Haven, D. R. Martin, Port Royal, Galatea, Nantasket, Sylph and other vessels, including the yacht Alarm, schooner A. M. Dickinson, the Providence Propeller, &c.

There was a quantity of bread left over which was given to the poor mothers on board.

The Times staff was greatly assisted by Dr. Thome, Dr. F. E. Stafford, Rev. E. T. Sandford, M. E. Lewis, John Sykes, of Washington, D. C., and the following lady and gentlemen: Mr. Sylvanus Stall, of the Alexander Mission; Deputy Superintendents D. M. McCaffrey, J. Boyd and J. T. Badham; Messrs. Charles Romaine, S. Shoulder, W. Harrison, W. W. Carter, A. W. P. Cramer, J. Spencer, G. Marshall, M. Stewart, and Capt. Russell; Misses J. Pace, S. Dickey, B. Dickey, A. Badham, M. Badham, A. Henry, S. Day, Craig, McCaffrey, Hogg, Crawley and Gray; Mesdames Elliott, Atwater, Brinkerhoff, M. Graves and Keen. Officers Flanagan, Conway, Ryan, Moore, Rose and Long, of the Seventy-second Precinct, were present, preserving order and taking care of the children.

The children were landed at East Twenty-eighth-street, except those who belonged in the Yorkville District, who were allowed to land at Forty-sixth-street. Before leaving the vessel the children gave three hearty cheers for the New-York Times, and three more for the Commander and the kind friends who had furnished the funds for the picnics.

The following were the expenses of the day:

Barge and wharfage	$101 00
Extra towage	10 00
1,100 sponge-cake	42 75
Sandwiches	135 00
Ice cream	75 00
Band	65 00
Punch and Judy	10 00
Steward and waiters	37 00
Milk, (350 quarts)	19 00
Life-boat	6 00
Dinners for Police and band	21 00
Extra hands	6 00
Postage stamps	2 00
Tickets printed	3 00
Coffee	4 00
Lemons	3 12
Citric acid	3 00
Alcohol	1 00
Charcoal	75
Corkage	3 00
Sugar	2 75
Petty cash	10 00
Total	$566 12

Theft of Goods by Gamin Thieves.

On Tuesday afternoon three gamin thieves entered the grocery office of R. S. Hand, No. 200 Third-avenue. Two of them engaged the attention of Mr. Hand, while the third stolen [illegible]

[illegible] the private office and abstracted from an open safe a bag containing $1,000 in bonds, viz: Two of the bonds were of the Housatonic and Northern Railroad of $500 each, Nos. 24 and 25, and two of the Wallkill Valley Railroad of $100 each, Nos. 171 and 172. The thieves made their escape with the bonds, which are, however, of no value to them, as they are registered, and the transfer of them has been stopped.

DEATH BY POISONING.

The Apothecaries of the United States Discriminate Against Vermont, the Methodists, Temperance and Southern Trade by Blunder.

As the officers and crew of the United States frigate Wabash, now at the Brooklyn Navy-yard, were mustering for dire exercise yesterday morning at 10 o'clock, the whole ship's company were thrown into a state of consternation as the word was passed to the executive officer that the apothecary of the ship, Mr. Maynard, had taken a dose of poison, and stated that the surgeon (the medical officer) was required immediately. Delay in the sick bay, Dr. Gordon, the ship's surgeon, immediately responded, so the call, and upon going into the sick bay found Mr. Maynard already under the influence of the first dose. Mr. Maynard told the surgeon that he had been attacked with cramps in the stomach, he had come into the dispensary with the intention of taking a spoonful of camphor or ginger, and that he had not found any but a bottle of aconite root, which on a hasty perusal he believed to be administered the proper quantity, and with a stomach-pump, tried to relieve the unfortunate man, but the drug had taken hold with lightning rapidity diffused itself through his system, and it was found impossible to rally him. Stimulants and other antidotes were administered to him, but with no good result, the poison had already leaped into a state of [illegible] the symptoms, which at first were paralysis, vomiting and retching, were quickly followed by insensibility and death, the extremities became cold, and in spite of all efforts Mr. Maynard expired about half-past 11 o'clock, about an hour and a half after taking the poison.

The deceased had been intimately known aboard the Wabash for the last three years, during which time he was universally esteemed for his kind and generous disposition, and his death has cast a gloom over the whole ship's company. The remains were removed from the government yesterday afternoon, and conveyed to his residence, No. 107 Park-avenue.

THE HEAT.

Deaths and Prostrations in the City Yesterday.

The following cases of death from the heat were reported at the Coroner's Office yesterday:

Mary McBride, aged forty-five, a native of Ireland, at No. 48 Watts-street.

John Webber, aged three months, at No. [illegible] East Broadway.

A man, name unknown, at No. 24 Greenwich-street.

James Fox, aged eight days, at No. 507 West Forty-first-street.

A lad, name not reported, at No. 425 West Nineteenth-street.

Unknown man found dead in the hall-way of No. 2 Unionsquare.

PROSTRATIONS.

Wm. Kessenbom, aged twenty-one, of No. [illegible] East Fourth-street; Antoine Shane, aged thirty-five, of No. 280 York-street, Brooklyn; Fritz Keller, aged forty-eight, of Bushwick-avenue, Brooklyn; Patrick McEntee, aged thirty-seven, no home; Geo. W. Ellison, aged forty-four, of No. 70 Norfolk-street; Bridget Welsh, aged thirty-three, of No. 214 Mott-street; John Kelly, aged forty, no home, and Margaret Bendel, aged thirty-five, no home, were prostrated by the heat yesterday.

Alexander O. McGrew, a reporter for the Daily Press, was found yesterday afternoon in the Lexington-avenue building, at the corner of Bleecker and Broadway, suffering from the heat. He was cared for at the Park Hospital.

Central Park Meteorological Report.

Abstract of report for the week ending at 8 P. M., Aug. 17: Barometer—Mean, 30.025 inches; maximum at 12 P. M., Aug. 12, 30.184 inches; minimum at 3 A. M., Aug. 14, 29.812 inches; range, .372 inch. Thermometer—Mean, 74.9°; maximum at 3 P. M., Aug. 12, 92°; minimum at 4 A. M., Aug. 16, 70°; range, 22°.

Date.	Rain from	Amount of water.
Aug. 12	2:30 A. M. to 7:00 A. M.	.06 inch.
Aug. 12	7:15 P. M. to 12:00 P. M.	.01 inch.
Aug. 13	4:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.	.15 inch.
Aug. 13	8:15 A. M. to 8:30 A. M.	.01 inch.
Aug. 13	4:15 P. M. to 11:00 P. M.	.15 inch.
Aug. 15	6 A. M. to 6:30 A. M.	.06 inch.
Aug. 15	5:05 P. M. to 6:05 P. M.	.25 inch.
Aug. 16	4:45 A. M. to 2:30 A. M.	.13 inch.
Aug. 16	11:30 A. M. to 8:00 P. M.	1.24 inches.
Aug. 17	1:40 A. M. to 4:30 A. M.	.01 inch.
Aug. 17	8:00 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.	.04 inch.
Aug. 17	11:00 A. M. to 11:30 A. M.	.08 inch.

Total amount of water for week ..... 2.24 inches.
Distance traveled by the wind during the week, 72 miles.

City Meteorological Report.

The following observations show the temperature yesterday as recorded by Schenck & Walker, at the Central Park Mineral Springs:

	7 A. M.	12 M.	3 P. M.	8 P. M.
Temperature, deg. Fahr.	75	81	88	82
Stand of bar. in inch	29.95	30.04	[illegible]	[illegible]

The following record will show the changes in the temperature yesterday, with the average for the same, as indicated by the thermometer at Dickinson's drug-store, No. 3 Park-row: 6 A. M., 70°; 9 A. M., 76°; 12 M., 79°; 3 P. M., 80°; 6 P. M., 80°; 9 P. M., 76½°; 12 P. M., 77°. Average temperature yesterday, 80°; average temperature for the week, 80½°.

PENNSYLVANIA.

Grain Shipments from Philadelphia—Poor Children's Excursion.

PHILADELPHIA, Aug. 17.—The British steamers Cassini and Tagus, loading with grain at the Pennsylvania Railroad elevator, will carry away 75,000 bushels. The ninth excursion of the poor children took place this morning. They went to Cockatoo Island, Delaware River, for rain only about 200 enjoyed it. The argument of the *nisi prius* case against the National Railroad Company was postponed until September, owing to the illness of the counsel for the defendant. The policemen, firemen and white-shirt Democrats, as usual, turned out in force to celebrate the day.

American Statues in Italy.

In the letter which Mr. Ruskin has this month addressed to the working classes, he sketches some people whom he met when going from Venice to Verona by an afternoon train. He writes:

"In the carriage with me were two American girls with their father and mother, people of the class which has lately made so much money so suddenly, and does not know what to do with it; and these two girls, of about fifteen and eighteen, had evidently been indulged in everything (since they had had the means) which Western civilization could imagine. And here they were, specimens of the utmost which the money and invention of the nineteenth century could produce in manhood—children of its most aggressive race—enjoying the full advantages of political liberty, of enlightened philosophical education, of cheap pilfered literature, and of luxury at any cost. Whatever money, machinery, or freedom of thought could do for these two children, had been done. No suggestion had deceived, no restraint deprived them; types, they could not but be, of manhood, wisdom and felicity, as conceived by the forwardest intellects of our time. And they were traveling though a district which, if any in the world, should touch the hearts and delight the eyes of young girls. Between Venice and Verona! Portia's villa perhaps in sight upon the Brenta—Juliet's tomb to be visited in the evening—blue against the southern sky, the hills of Petrarch's home, and the summer evening twilight, yet lingering, glanced through the vine leaves; all the Alps were close, from the Lake of Garda to Gadera, and to fairest Tyrol. What a Princess' charmer, this, if those are Princesses, and what dreams might they not dream therein! But the two American girls were neither Princesses nor seers, nor dreamers. By infinite self-indulgence they had reduced themselves simply to two pieces of white putty that could feel pain. The flies and the dust stuck to them as to clay, and they perceived, between Venice and Verona, nothing but the flies and the dust. They pulled down the blinds the moment they entered the carriage, and then sprawled, and writhed and moaned among the cushions of it, in vain contest, during the whole fifty miles, with every miserable sensation of bodily affliction that could make time intolerable. They were dressed in thin white frocks, coming vaguely open at the backs as they stretched at vertigo; they had French novels, lemons and pieces of sugar to beguile their state with, the novels hanging somewhere by the ends of strings that had once stitched them, or adhering at the corners in dangly-bruised dogs-ears, out of which the girls, twitting their fingers, occasionally extricated a limp leaf. From time to time they cut a lemon open, grouted a lump of sugar backward and forward over it till every fibre was in a treacly pulp; then sucked the pulp, and gnawed the white skin into leathery strings, for the sake of its bitter. Only one sentence was exchanged in the fifty miles on the subject of things outside the carriage (the Alps being close visible from a station where they had driven up the blinds)—'Don't those snow-caps make you cool?' 'No; I wish they did.' And so they went their way, with sealed eyes and tormented limbs, their numbered miles of pain."

YELLOW FEVER.

Arrival of Two More Fever Ships.

The Patients at the West Bank Hospital—Removal of the Spanish War Steamer Sanancia to the Lower Bay.

As been yesterday the Spanish brig Kaleal arrived in the Lower Bay from San Juan and reported two of her crew ill of yellow fever. The health authorities were immediately communicated with, and at their direction the patients were removed to the fever hospital on West Bank, while the vessel was moored to the Quarantine anchorage. Later information was received of the arrival of the Spanish bark Felipe from Havana, with her captain—Rosse—ill of yellow fever, and the same precautions were taken as in the case of the brig.

The condition of the patients at West Bank Hospital showed a decided improvement yesterday, no new deaths occurring, while a majority of the sufferers were pronounced in a fair way to recovery.

The epidemic appears to have at least temporarily ceased on board the Spanish war vessel Sanancia, nearly all her convalescents being relieved duty, while none of the crew not previously attacked exhibited any symptoms of the fever. Steam was got up at an early hour, and in accordance with the instructions of Dr. Vandergrift, the vessel was prepared for removal to her new anchorage above South-west Spit. A supply of fresh provisions had also been sent on board for use during quarantine. At 1 P. M. Pilot Gillespie went on board, in accordance with instructions, and at the desire of the Captain, but through the instrumentality of Commissioner Biggs another pilot had been detailed to the work of taking the vessel to the Spit, and at 4 P. M., the tide being there at rest, with a depth of about thirty-four feet, two tug-boats were attached, and the cause of so much alarm and discussion quietly dropped down to a point near the South-west Spit, where she will remain until the authorities deem all danger to be over. With the immense draft of the vessel—twenty-eight feet, English measurement—there will be present anchorage, be barely two feet of water between her keel and the sand at low tides, a space depth which many of the pilots think would be found insufficient for a vessel of her size should a gale or heavy sea come up.

A Yellow Fever Scare in Commissioner Shields' Office.

In Commissioner Shields' office yesterday, a Cuban named Emanuel Schantes was brought up for examination on a charge of having in his possession 2,400 unstamped cigars. In the course of the examination a Police officer handed Mr. Shields a letter purporting to come from the Board of Health. The letter was anonymous. The writer stated that he had the best authority for believing that Schantes was one of the crew of the Spanish ram Numancia, who had escaped from his ship on the day of her advent in New-York harbor. When the Commissioner made known the contents of the letter a general rush was made for the door, the man who held the contraband cigars throwing them hastily on the ground and fled. It was some time before the Commissioner, aided by Col. Whitely's officers, who had made the arrest, and knew Sanches to be a resident in this City and a dealer in contraband cigars for more than a year, could restore order. Mr. Shields explained to the frightened attendants that the letter was merely a malicious piece of fun, a friendless vagrant taking this method of getting even with his fellow-prisoner in the hope that instead of being held for trial he would be immediately sent to the island. Sanches was committed to await the action of the Grand Jury.

LOCAL POLITICS.

The Soldiers of the Ninth District for Grant and Wilson—A Club Organized.

A call was published yesterday inviting the former Union soldiers now living in the Ninth Assembly District, to meet at Bleecker Bellevue last evening, to form a soldiers' Grant Club, and to nominate delegates to the State Convention, at Utica, on Tuesday next. Owing to the short notice the number that assembled was comparatively small, but at least 150 ex-soldiers, Republican voters, are claimed in this district, and the new organization will probably enroll them all.

Major W. H. Corsa called the meeting to order, stating their object in assembling to be that of organizing once more to fight for their old leader, Gen. Grant. He urged the importance of this; spoke of their success in the past, and prophesied a glorious victory for the Republican Party. He (Major Corsa) nominated as Temporary Chairman Col. R. M. L. Ehlers, who took his seat amid applause. Capt. Frank E. Moran being chosen Secretary. The gentlemen present, about thirty, signed the roll, and then, on motion of Major Corsa, a committee on permanent organization was appointed, consisting of Messrs. Corsa, Magill, Patrick, Clark and Trimble.

The following were chosen delegates and alternates to go to Utica: Delegates—Major Corsa, Thomas Brown, James Cummings, and F. M. Pasmek. Alternates—E. J. Smith, N. Herder, Mark James E. Sonder, and Isaac H. Trimble. Col. Ehlers moved the following resolutions, which were unanimously adopted:

Resolved, That the renomination of Gen. Grant for President of the United States is a fitting recognition of his eminent service as Chief Magistrate in reducing the public debt, in maintaining amicable relations with foreign powers, and in protecting the citizen in the enjoyment of those rights guaranteed him by the Constitution, irrespective of the previous condition or color. As he was first in our hearts as a soldier, so he is now our first and only choice for President.

Resolved, That we recognize in Senator Wilson the able counsel and statesman, whose fidelity to our interests and to the Republic, and whose integrity calculated to secure the condition of our maimed soldiers and sailors, entitle him to our hearty and earnest support for the office of Vice-President.

Resolved, That we pledge our hearty votes for the election of Grant and Wilson, believing that the continuance in power of the party who proclaimed freedom to the slaves, who sacrificed its best and noblest men that the Republic might live, is best calculated to guide the ship of state into the calm waters of prosperity.

The meeting adjourned to meet on the 20th inst.

Enthusiastic Meeting of the Hungarians in Grant and Wilson Club.

Under the auspices of the newly formed Hungarian Grant and Wilson Campaign Club, a ratification meeting was held at the head-quarters of the Club, No. 485 Broome-street, last evening.

Mr. Wm. N. Loew presided, and made the opening address, in which he stated that it was Horace Greeley who had taught him to believe in a Party Republican Party, whose mission it was to lead this country into his haven of perfect peace and security; and now the very teacher, in a weak moment, and attacked by that terrible disease, the "Presidential ambition," had become the bell-wether of the Democratic Party. Such a man had forfeited his place as a Party Republican, and his